

September 20, 1968

Mr. Ralph Goldstone
581 Boylston St.
Boston, Mass. 02116

Dear Ralph:

It really was refreshing to talk with you when I was in Boston. I was very distraught from business arguments. It was a real pleasure to have seen what a fine library you have and what interesting items you handle along with your numismatic business.

Here is the situation on the items we talked about.

Valentine's pamphlet on fractional currency I do not have in the Boyd printing but do have in the second printing by Mehl. Therefore, send it to me.

You had the Coin Book by Homans with an 1875 date on the title and mine is 1872. Since I collect every edition, I would like you to send that to me to see if there is any difference.

I do not have the pamphlet by Lee of California Souvenir Gold.

I would like very much for you to send me your Parmelee and I can have mine rebound and sent to you. I like to have these in original bindings and maybe you would do me that favor.

I find that I have two Allender scales but do not have the later one which lacks the \$3 piece. You have a nice one and I would like you to price it and send it.

As to your other Allender scales, I can have a machinist make brass weights for them, if you want me to do it, as that would make them much more saleable. If you send me the scales then I could ascertain the proper counterbalance and develop that project.

Page 2
Mr. Ralph Goldstone

September 20, 1968

I am enclosing a check for \$25.00 for the test scale which I took with me. There were two additional scales which were on your window sill and I wondered whether these were for American coins. If so I would be interested.

I decided that the Italian scale was out of my field and although it was beautiful I should not expand in that direction.

As I told you when I was in Boston, I will pay you in money for the things I buy or will be glad to send you things in exchange - like Colonial currency or coins. I fully realize you are in business to make a living and expect you to have a reasonable benefit in any exchanges.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

EPN/atb

One load of Heath (some for sale)

Valentine 1924 Fract Cunningham Boyd 25-
2nd ~~edition~~ printing I have ~~25~~

Coin Book 1875 Lippincott & Homan
Copy 1871 mine is 1872 date

Lee Calif Gold Fract.

Cous + Couser Smith 1881 (no spine) ~~25~~ Have it

1885 Evans (Mine is cloth not clean)
first edition, there is a revised edit for 1885

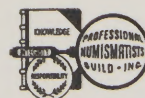
scale Bernian 25.00

scale Italian 50-

Parnell Mine needs re-binding

Two scales on sill

~~Evans~~



RALPH
GOLDSTONE

780 Boylston
Boston 02199
617 2672387

581 BOYLSTON ST.
BOSTON 02116
MASSACHUSETTS

PROFESSIONAL
NUMISMATIST

LIFE MEMBER
ANA & CNA
617-266-6004

October 22, 1968

Mr. Ralph Goldstone
581 Boylston Street
Boston, Mass. 02116

Dear Ralph:

When I did not hear from you I realized that your diverticulitis must have caused you additional trouble and called your office several times and found that you did not answer.

I will buy the Lee on California Fractional Gold for \$25.00, as we agreed.

I am very anxious to find out what Heath Detectors you have for sale as I have some on approval which are not in nice enough condition and I am trying to get all the varieties.

Would you be nice enough to give us your unlisted number at home as I can call you there after you are at home. Our company has an unlimited long distance available to me after hours and that makes talking very easy.

I have a lovely group of Virginia Colonial notes which I have been asked to sell for others and you will recall I mentioned it to you. I will ship it to you as soon as you are ready.

If you are able, would you please let me know when I can talk to you.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

EPN/atb

LAW OFFICES OF
RING AND COHEN

JORDAN L. RING
JOSEPH M. COHEN
DANIEL BRIANSKY
RAYMOND J. DOWD (1966)

*Eighty-nine State Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02109*

523-0250

November 4, 1968

Mr. Eric Newman
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.
Four Hundred Washington Street
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Eric:

I have been trying to reach Ralph Goldstone for you and today was our lucky day. I finally talked to him this morning. He says that he will be in the hospital Wednesday morning for X-rays but will probably only be detained there for a few hours. He will then contact me at our office and let me know where you can reach him later during the time that you will be in Boston.

He did not want to give me his home number as he says that his wife is not well and would not remember if you did call him.

See you on Thursday.

Very truly yours,

RING AND COHEN

Janice D. Martin
JANICE D. MARTIN
Secretary to Jordan L. Ring

jdm

8/21/71

Given to Larry Marsh

10/10/71	Virginia #6923	35 ⁰⁰	✓
7/24/76	Cont #12121 (Tony Cl.)	17 50	✓
1862	Parker House (two notes) 54 10¢	17 50	✓
(1862)	Quimby 3¢	6 50	✓
1822	Kennebec #5 (Perkins Pat)	15 ⁰⁰	Klausen
1862	#1 #2559 Texas	7 50	} Medlar
1862	#5 #16924 Texas	7 50	
1862	#20 Military #53035 Texas	15 ⁰⁰	
1862	#50 Civil #57704 Texas	15 ⁰⁰	

1761	NJ #6 #730	}
1760	NJ 30sh #2018	
1764	NJ 30sh #3841	
1785	Anna 3d # —	
1756	NJ 18d #6829	
1761	NJ 30sh #294 ✓	
1760	NJ 12sh #2851	
1759	Del 53h —	

Musbury
whole group
or none

250⁰⁰ Medlar

Continental Boston sheet	60 ⁰⁰	✓
Com Exchange Wisconsin sheet	45	✓
Redford Glass Co sheet	25	✓

Make checks payable to
Ralph Goldstone

- ⑤ Small 1864 on title first edition. Binding poor
Small 1864 Copy 4th thous Pl 9+10 missing
Small ~~1864 on title first edit~~ 1864 Copy some tears.

- ⑥ Large 1866-67 Copy 2nd edition Small scuff on spine cones OK, Complete
⑦ Large 1866 2nd Edit July 12, 1867 on cover Missing pl 1, 5, 8, 12
~~case~~ Spine bad Cones OK
⑧ Large 1866-67 2nd Edit Complete & Spine rough
(Can let Melam buy)
① Large 1866 2nd Complete extra \$10 cty. Spine very bad
② Large 1870 All plates gone

69 Arundel Pl.
Clayton, Mo. 63105
August 30, 1971

Dear Mr. Newman:

Please find enclosed one check for \$456.00 from Dr. Deitchman, the second check from my Mother for \$61.50. The total of the checks is \$516.50, which is the total for the lot of notes and sheets you gave me last week.

Please find enclosed a copy of the Jos. Fenner script note for your cook to have,

Best wishes, I am,

Sincerely Yours,

Larry Marsh

Memo From -

35 ~~Homanus~~
RALPH GOLDSTONE

581 Boylston Street - Boston, Mass. 02116

(617) 266-6004

\$

30 Sheet Union Bk New London

30 City Bk N. Haven

15 Troy

S 40 Conn Exchange

30 City New Haven

75 ~~Bk~~ Mass Bk

S 40 Continental

45 Phoenix

S 15 Redford

City New Haven

Redford Glass

360 4 @ 90 Heath

385 11 @ 35 Heath

10 Haverhill Ass

5 3¢ Walkman

8 Western Express Bk

4 3¢ Rogers

7 Overton

S 20 Parker House set

50 6 soup notes { Bloch
Quimby S
Putney
Putney
Putney
~~Putney~~
NE Oyster

35 Greenbush

S 30 Va 10/20/77

S 15 Cont \$7 ~~att~~ att

He has \$1 Md 1780
issue #135⁰⁰
Have it

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

August 31, 1971

Mr. Ralph Goldstone
581 Boylston St.
Boston, Mass. 02116

Dear Ralph:

I have not forgotten about you, but I have not finished working over the material which I took at the convention.

I am enclosing herewith checks aggregating \$516.50 to apply on account. There will be plenty more coming.

517⁵⁰

I may ask you to send the rest of the Heath Detectors to me as some you have retained are quite defective and might be able to complete others which I have on approval. In any event, most of them on hand will be acquired.

All of the sheets of paper money will be bought.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

EPN/atb

LARRY ADAMS
Numismatist -- Philatelist

969 Park Circle
Boone, Iowa 50036

September 10, 1971

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Street
St. Louis, Missouri 63105

Dear Mr. Newman:

Many thanks for your letter of September 3.

The Heath Counterfeit Detectors interest me the most, and I think an article on them would be most appropriate. I have never seen anything about Heath written up anywhere, and have often wondered why.

Morey Perlmutter wrote me that he would help in such a project to the extent of the limited amount of time he could devote to it. I think that through a co-operative effort a complete compilation of all Heath Detectors could be compiled for this project. The others I have in mind are George Nicholson, Brant Hughes, and Forrest Daniel, who might be able to contribute something. Morey Perlmutter has handled a number of these detectors in his capacity as a dealer, and he said that Ralph Goldstone was rather knowledgeable on them too, but time is a premium with him, too. I have given some thought to contacting Hughes, Nicholson, and Daniel to see what they could do.

I would like to see some biographical and background information about Heath himself compiled as well, as I think the story would be most interesting. The possible sources I had in mind were libraries in Boston and the Historical Societies there, and I was thinking that some business records or old manuscripts and correspondence would exist somewhere which might be of assistance. The American Bank Note Company would no doubt have some correspondence or something in their files, as would possibly the Bureau of Engraving, but I don't know how receptive they would be towards such a project. I have an article which appeared in 1968 in THE RAG PICKER, put out by the Paper Money Collectors of Michigan, in which they discuss the American Bank Note Company, and mentioned a letter from them saying that they have had a number of offers to do research by members of the numismatic fraternity, but their old records are packed away and are quite inaccessible.

It would appear that there are some old records of the U. S. Secret Service in The National Archives and I think I'll check into what might be available here. Apparently patents were obtained on some of these Detectors, and I think the Patent Office should be checked out too. They need more than dates to conduct a search of their files, and quite possibly they would be together as the Patent Office has a manual of Classification and many patents are assembled by subject. Perhaps someone in the D. C. area could check this out. I've got some other things that require some patent research - more for technical and historical purposes than anything, and I think this is one aspect that should not be overlooked. The "Patent Searchers" that you see advertised only conduct searches for inventors on prospective inventions, as I have checked on this.

Just recently I joined The Manuscript Society, and note that you are on the program of October 9 of their annual meeting. I do not know at this time whether I will be able to attend or not, but I would like to. Our state numismatic Association will hold their convention that weekend in Cedar Rapids, so I may attend that instead.

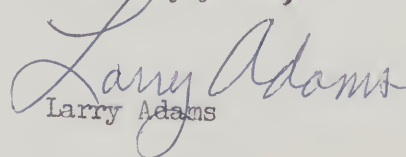
I don't consider myself a true autograph collector actually, but with my interest in documents in general and the historical aspects of checks and other documents, including currency, I felt I should join. Apparently a number of their members are research - history oriented, which is not the case in a number of instances in numismatics, and I think some of these people could be of help in research and location of material. What would you think of an idea of putting a notice of information and material wanted relating to Heath in MANUSCRIPTS, their magazine? I think it is possible that something of interest might turn up as a result. I note several in the issues of MANUSCRIPTS, and a number of these people are doing research or editing correspondence. The autograph field is one that I have long overlooked as a possibility of obtaining historical and supporting information for numismatics and other areas of interest.

If I can't attend the meeting in St. Louis, I'll see if a couple of other friends in numismatics in St. Louis might want to attend - Ron Horstman and Al Wick. Ron is a SPMC member and quite interested in material from St. Louis and Al Wick is a collector of many things and edits a hobby publication. I actually met them through Check Collectors Round Table, in which I have been quite active. They might want to attend, and I will probably be writing them in a few days.

I'll do what I can to help you in the project, including correspondence if necessary. I'd like to see something like this published. It would be interesting to locate a photograph of Heath and perhaps pictures of the locations he was in as supporting data in the article.

I've tried to outline a few things that might be incorporated in an article about Heath, and I think with the proper approach it could be done. I'd like to hear more about what type of thing you have put together already on this; and if you think some of these other sources should be checked.

Sincerely yours,


Larry Adams

Leonard H. Finn

40 Greation Road - West Roxbury - Mass. - 02132

2/11/71

Dear Ed -

Thank you for the note -

I'll help on your ⁴ LEBON

LEON article - Where do I

start ?? How do I

find out if he has any

Relatives - left? Call all the

Heath - in the telephone books -

See very much a research -

Thank -
Leonard

September 14, 1971

Mr. James Conlon, Director
Bureau of Engraving and Printing
Washington, D. C.

Dear Jim:

I am writing a study on the counterfeit detectors of Laban Heath which were published from 1864 through 1889 in various editions. This fascinating set of books contained, as you probably know, portions of a substantial number of United States notes and National bank notes as well as direct prints from the counterfeit plates captured by the Secret Service. The prints from the counterfeit plates range from 1 to 5 in the various editions of the book during the period from 1867 to beyond 1870. Some time during the period between 1870 and 1873 the Secretary of the Treasury ordered that the prints from the counterfeit plates no longer be included in the book, or ordered that no more be prepared for the book.

The third edition of the book, copyrighted in 1870, includes on page 11, the fact that the three counterfeit plates are to be included. Subsequent copies of the third edition removed the reference to the counterfeit plates and exactly when that removal took place I cannot determine. One copy of the third edition has written into it a notation "taken out by order of the Secretary of the Treasury".

What I am interested in is if your department would be able to locate for me, in the archives, the letter or order written at some time between 1870 and 1873 revoking permission to use counterfeits in counterfeit detectors of Laban Heath or Laban Heath and Company. The address of Laban Heath and Company was 30 Hanover Street, Boston, Massachusetts. Would you be of assistance to me in this respect?

Incidentally, I would like to have a list from you as to the number of Heath Counterfeit Detectors in the Bureau's Library, with a description of the date of the copyright, the edition, if any, and whether of the 17 cm. height or the 25 cm. height.

All of us enjoyed you at the American Numismatic Association convention and I hope our paths continue to cross often.

Sincerely yours,

EPN/atb

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

September 14, 1971

Mr. James Conlon, Director
Bureau of Engraving and Printing
Washington, D. C.

Dear Jim:

I am writing a study on the counterfeit detectors of Laban Heath which were published from 1864 through 1869 in various editions. This fascinating set of books contained, as you probably know, portions of a substantial number of United States notes and National bank notes as well as direct prints from the counterfeit plates captured by the Secret Service. The prints from the counterfeit plates range from 1 to 5 in the various editions of the book during the period from 1867 to beyond 1870. Some time during the period between 1870 and 1873 the Secretary of the Treasury ordered that the prints from the counterfeit plates no longer be included in the book, or ordered that no more be prepared for the book.

The third edition of the book, copyrighted in 1870, includes on page 11, the fact that the three counterfeit plates are to be included. Subsequent copies of the third edition removed the reference to the counterfeit plates and exactly when that removal took place I cannot determine. One copy of the third edition has written into it a notation "taken out by order of the Secretary of the Treasury".

What I am interested in is if your department would be able to locate for me, in the archives, the letter or order written at some time between 1870 and 1873 revoking permission to use counterfeits in counterfeit detectors of Laban Heath or Laban Heath and Company. The address of Laban Heath and Company was 30 Hanover Street, Boston, Massachusetts. Would you be of assistance to me in this respect?

Incidentally, I would like to have a list from you as to the number of Heath Counterfeit Detectors in the Bureau's Library, with a description of the date of the copyright, the edition, if any, and whether of the 17 cm. height or the 25 cm. height.

All of us enjoyed you at the American Numismatic Association convention and I hope our paths continue to cross often.

Sincerely yours,

EPN/ath

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

September 15, 1971

Mr. Leonard H. Finn
40 Greateon Road
West Roxbury, Mass. 02132

Dear Leonard:

You asked for it so let's see what fun you can have on a fresh unknown subject.

The first thing I would like you to do is to ask Ralph Goldstone to ship me all of the books he has left. Many of these are incomplete with respect to some of the plates. I have a group from Ralph Goldstone, on approval, many of which I am going to buy, but a couple of those need patching. My idea is to cannibalize a little bit where it doesn't hurt pieces which are already incomplete.

Laban Heath died in January, 1894, in Revere, Massachusetts. He lived in the Crescent Beach district of Revere. If you could look in the city directories covering Revere you could find his exact address. His obituary mentions no relatives. He was born in Bow, New Hampshire, in 1837 and for the last 20 years prior to his death he was engaged in some other business than counterfeit detection and I have no idea what it is. Perhaps he owned his home and the real estate records of Revere will show to whom his home passed when he died. That might give a clue as to who his children were, etc.

The first thing I would look for, if I were you, would be his will or the administration of his estate in the appropriate court. That administration will show his family and perhaps give us a further lead to find his family.

All you have to do is to find something interesting and you will be completely hooked. Research is addictive, so be careful. If you have any problems as to where to look for records, ask my friend, Thomas Kaplan, an attorney, in Boston, and he will guide you.

Are you interested in some of the small Heath Detectors which Ralph sent me at \$35 each? I may give my friends an opportunity on some of them which I already have and wanted you to have a couple if you are interested.

My kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

EPN/atb

THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

(FOUNDED 1858 • INCORPORATED 1865)

BROADWAY BETWEEN 155TH AND 156TH STS

NEW YORK · N.Y. 10032

Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Ave.,
St. Louis 5,
Missouri

Sept. 16, 1971

Dear Mr. Newman:

Under separate cover I am sending the
two items you have requested

Hoping I have been of assistance, I
am

Sincerely yours,

Francis D. Campbell, Jr.

Francis D. Campbell, Jr.
Assistant Librarian

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

September 23, 1971

Mr. Larry Adams
969 Park Circle
Boone, Iowa 50036

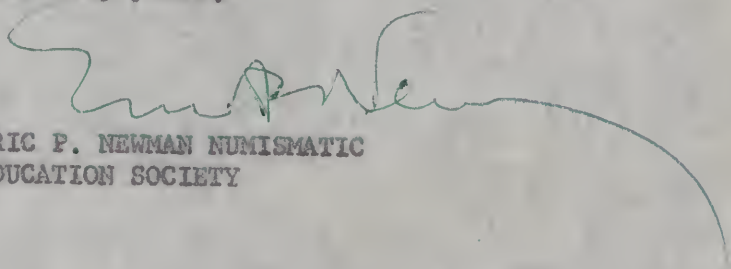
Dear Mr. Adams:

You really are an organizer. If you had a team of researchers working for you I believe you would have an in depth study of any subject in almost no time. Unfortunately, the batting average of those who want to help is not very good when it comes to actual help.

I have completed work on all of the editions. I have all the patent material and have been studying the detectors for quite some time. I am checking up on the personal life of Mr. Heath, hoping to find his relatives. I have long since been in touch with Ralph Goldstone and George Nicholson. I saw Brent Hughes, in Washington, but I do not know who Forrest Daniel is. Ron Horstman and Al Wick are good friends of mine but they hear me talk enough.

Again, many thanks for your suggestions.

Sincerely yours,



ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

EPN/atb

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

September 27, 1971

Mr. Ralph Goldstone
581 Boylston Street
Boston, Mass. 02116

Dear Ralph:

I hope Leonard Finn has told you that I would appreciate it if the balance of the Heath Detectors which you have could be sent to me. My reason for this is that some copy which is already incomplete might be combined and make whole ones in some instances. This would be quite helpful.

The reason for the slight further delay is that I have let others have the opportunity to buy some of the items I do not need as I am trying to return as little as possible.

In the meantime, enclosed are two checks aggregating \$195 which brings to a total \$711.50 in payments on the group.

\$712.50

My best regards to you.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

EPN/atb

LARRY ADAMS
Numismatist -- Philatelist

969 Park Circle
Boone, Iowa 50036

September 29, 1971

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri 63105

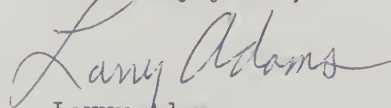
Dear Mr. Newman:

You are quite well along on your research on the Heath project. Another possibility would be to try and find someone who is working on a genealogy of the Heath family. You might try inquiring to the libraries in Boston to see what genealogical groups are active in that state, and try putting a query in one of their publications. They tell me these queries get results.

Do you plan to include a list of the patents on the Heath detectors with your article? I would like to have a list of them so I can order them sometime or will know what to request when I am ever at the Patent Office.

Please keep me informed as to when and where your article will be published. It would be an interesting article for THE NUMISMATIST or PAPER MONEY. Forrest Daniel has written a number of articles for PAPER MONEY and is quite interested in numismatic research, and holds SPMC #121. I met him last year at the ANA in St. Louis.

Sincerely yours,


Larry Adams

Goodspeed's Book Shop INC.

18 BEACON STREET • BOSTON • MASSACHUSETTS • 02108

(617): LAfayette 3-5970



Cable: Speedwell, Boston

September 30, 1971

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores Inc.
Post Office Box 14020
St. Louis, Missouri 63178

Dear Mr. Newman:

We do not have any of the Heath counterfeit detector books in stock at present. It was an unusual group which we recently had.

There is nothing in our records concerning Laban Heath.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M. J. Walsh".

MJW/eeo

DEPARTMENTS

Americana, *M. J. Walsh* Autographs, *G. T. Banks* Genealogies, *J. W. Farquharson*
First Editions, *G. T. Goodspeed* Prints, *Doris B. Adams*
Standard Literature (Old South Branch), *A. P. Silverman* THE MONTH, *N. L. Dodge*, Editor

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

October 6, 1971

Mr. Leonard Finn
40 Greateon Road
West Roxbury, Mass. 02132

Dear Len:

What a fine start you have made on Heath. It is too bad he had no genuine or counterfeit children. His sister-in-law's family probably didn't have a reason to keep his books as she wasn't married, apparently.

It would be good to check the city directories for the years from 1864 until at least 1880. At first his office was at 20 Washington Street, then about 1866 it was 30 Hanover, and by 1880 he had both 30 and 48 Hanover Street. This information is gleaned from the detectors. The library would have all these directories.

The optical goods Heath sold were probably microscopes he advertised in his detectors. Did the Probate file have an inventory of things or not?

At your suggestion I telephoned Ralph. He is just blue because of his wife's health and treatment. He was cooperative and needed cheering up. I did my best.

I was recently in Colorado Springs and you are right about the wide open spaces. The Air Academy is really isolated but some people like it that way. The A. N. A. building is beautiful and it is being used more and more.

Keep up the good work.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

EPN/atb
atb

October 18, 1971

Dear Herb,

My research is continuing and it is treasures like this that are so hard to find.

Kindest regards,

From the desk of
ERIC P. NEWMAN

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

November 8, 1971

Mr. Ralph Goldstone
581 Boylston St.,
Boston, Mass. 02116

Dear Ralph:

I hope your wife's health situation will soon be improved. You both have had more than your share.

I have had quite a time with the Heaths. You know how complicated it is. I hope some people are interested in what I write up about them.

The material I took in Washington aggregated \$1374.00. I have to return 3 small Heaths because they duplicated others I already had of all variations. This reduces the amount due by \$105.00 to \$1269.00. There has been paid to you \$712.50 (\$517.50 plus \$195.00) leaving a balance of \$556.50 which is enclosed (\$60, \$45, \$70, \$125, \$256.50).

In the group sent by mail there were 7 large and 2 small Heaths. I have marked those which are complete with a slip inside the cover. They are one large 1866, two large 1866-67 and one small 1864. The others are missing parts. The large 1870 has no plates. The other large 1866 is short several plates.

The two other large 1866-67 I can use for combining and piecing. Both have soiled and torn covers and have no counterfeits as was noted by you on their back page. There is a small 2nd edition missing the factional currency plates, the folded counterfeit and plates 15 and 16. I suggest \$75.00 for this group of three defectives. The other six I will return as I have identical ones.

I think I have gone overboard in collecting by cover color, cover content and internal variation, but that is what I am doing. If people had not torn out plates it would be much easier to be sure of internal content.

I think I have bought enough of your Heath books at nice prices so that you will accept my suggestion. Thus I have enclosed my check for \$75.00.



**RALPH
GOLDSTONE**

581 BOYLSTON ST.
BOSTON 02116
MASSACHUSETTS

PROFESSIONAL
NUMISMATIST

LIFE MEMBER
ANA & CNA
617-266-6004

ATION
THROUGH RESEARCH AND EXHIBITION
OF COINS, CURRENCY AND HISTORIC OBJECTS

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY
6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

-2-

Mr. Ralph Goldstone

November 8, 1971

The time I took to work on these Maths was most necessary. I appreciate the fact that you let me have your fine assembly of them and I hope you will like what I write about them. I presume I can use your name in an appreciation to those who helped.

Cordially yours,



ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

EPN
atb

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

November 8, 1971

Mr. Ralph Goldstone
581 Boylston St.,
Boston, Mass. 02116

Dear Ralph:

I hope your wife's health situation will soon be improved. You both have had more than your share.

I have had quite a time with the Heaths. You know how complicated it is. I hope some people are interested in what I write up about them.

The material I took in Washington aggregated \$1374.00. I have to return 3 small Heaths because they duplicated others I already had of all variations. This reduces the amount due by \$105.00 to \$1269.00. There has been paid to you \$712.50 (\$517.50 plus \$195.00) leaving a balance of \$556.50 which is enclosed (\$60, \$45, \$70, \$125, \$256.50).

In the group sent by mail there were 7 large and 2 small Heaths. I have marked those which are complete with a slip inside the cover. They are one large 1866, two large 1866-67 and one small 1864. The others are missing parts. The large 1870 has no plates. The other large 1866 is short several plates.

The two other large 1866-67 I can use for combining and piecing. Both have soiled and torn covers and have no counterfeits as was noted by you on their back page. There is a small 2nd edition missing the factional currency plates, the folded counterfeit and plates 15 and 16. I suggest \$75.00 for this group of three defectives. The other six I will return as I have identical ones.

I think I have gone overboard in collecting by cover color, cover content and internal variation, but that is what I am doing. If people had not torn out plates it would be much easier to be sure of internal content.

I think I have bought enough of your Heath books at nice prices so that you will accept my suggestion. Thus I have enclosed my check for \$75.00.

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

-2-

November 8, 1971

Mr. Ralph Goldstone

The time I took to work on these Maths was most necessary. I appreciate the fact that you let me have your fine assembly of them and I hope you will like what I write about them. I presume I can use your name in an appreciation to those who helped.

Cordially yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

EPN
atb

I owe Goldstone

Homans Cain Book	35 ⁰⁰	
Union Bank sheet	30 - ✓	
City Bank	30 - ✓	
Troy overprint	15 - ✓	
Corn Exchange	40 - ✓	
City of New Haven	30 - ✓	
Mass Bank	75 - ✓	
Continental	40 - ✓	
Phoenix	45 - ✓	
Redford	15 - ✓	
City of N. Haven	30 ✓	
Redford	60 ✓	445
4 Large Heath @ 90		360
8 Small Heath @ 35		280
Haverhill Assn	10	
Waterman	5	
Western Express	8	
Rogers	4 -	
Overton	7	
Parker House	20	
6 Scrip Notes	50	104
Greenbush	35	should be 35 ⁰⁰ free
Virginia 1777	30	
Continental Cty	15	45.
		<hr/> # 1269

Sent 450 = Dr
 61.50 Larry
 35. Clark
 160 Sid
 45 Sid
 60 Sid
 10 Abner
 125 Hill

 1012.50

1269
 1012.50

 256.50
~~450~~
~~1269~~



TREASURY DEPARTMENT
BUREAU OF ENGRAVING AND PRINTING
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20226

November 15, 1971

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Eric P. Newman Numismatic
Education Society
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis 5, Missouri

Dear Eric:

I apologize for my tardiness in acknowledging your letter of September 14, as a consequence of some travel and the press of business.

I have forwarded your letter to a member of the staff to locate as much information as possible for you. I am hopeful we will be able to be of assistance.

Best personal regards.

Sincerely,

James A. Conlon
Director





TREASURY DEPARTMENT
BUREAU OF ENGRAVING AND PRINTING
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20226

January 5, 1972

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri 63105

Dear Eric:

I have had a search made of the old Bureau records for an order by the Secretary of the Treasury in the early 1870's revoking permission given Laban Heath to include specimens of counterfeit notes in his book, "Heath's Infallible Counterfeit Detector", without success. Unfortunately, around the turn of the century, in a major cleanup of the Bureau's files, many of the early records which were thought to be of no further use were destroyed.

In all likelihood, the matter of the granting and withdrawal of such type permission would have been of concern to the office of the then Chief Clerk of the Treasury Department as well as the Secret Service. The records for both components for the period in question are on deposit with the National Archives. Therefore, I suggest that you address an inquiry on the matter to -

Legislative, Judicial and Fiscal Branch
Civil Archives Division
National Archives and Records Service
7th and Pennsylvania Avenue, Northwest
Washington, D.C. 20408

While that Branch does not maintain a staff sufficient to perform detail research, it will make a cursory review of its holdings in an effort to be of assistance to the public.

Best personal regards with a wish for a very Happy New Year.

Sincerely,

James A. Conlon
Director



ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

January 14, 1972

Legislative, Judicial and Fiscal Branch
Civil Archives Division
National Archives and Records Service
7th and Pennsylvania Avenue, Northwest
Washington, D. C. 20408

Gentlemen:

At the suggestion of James A. Conlon, Director of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, I am writing you to see if you can locate any communications or Orders of the Treasury Department affecting Laban Heath, 30 Hanover Street, Boston, Massachusetts, and the counterfeit detectors he published. The period in question is between 1870 and 1873. The matter might have been the concern either of the Chief Clerk of the Treasury Department or the Secret Service.

Heath's Infallible Counterfeit Detector was published from 1864 through 1889. Beginning in 1867 it contained engravings made directly from counterfeit plates captured by the Secret Service. Permission was obviously obtained to do this. Earlier copies of the third edition copyrighted in 1870 includes three such counterfeits and text to go with them. Later third editions eliminate the text and the prints and one copy I have says "taken out by order of the Secretary of the Treasury." The fourth edition was copyrighted in 1873 and has no counterfeits. The order therefore took place between 1870 and 1873.

Is it possible for you to find the Order or to find any correspondence with Laban Heath or Laban Heath & Co.?

I will be most appreciative of your service as I am writing a study on this subject.

Sincerely yours,


ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

EPN
atb

bc
Mr. H. Bartholomew Cox

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

January 14, 1972

Legislative, Judicial and Fiscal Branch
Civil Archives Division
National Archives and Records Service
7th and Pennsylvania Avenue, Northwest
Washington, D. C. 20408

Gentlemen:

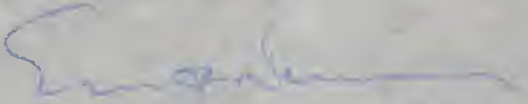
At the suggestion of James A. Conlon, Director of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, I am writing you to see if you can locate any communications or Orders of the Treasury Department affecting Laban Heath, 30 Hanover Street, Boston, Massachusetts, and the counterfeit detectors he published. The period in question is between 1870 and 1873. The matter might have been the concern either of the Chief Clerk of the Treasury Department or the Secret Service.

Heath's Infallible Counterfeit Detector was published from 1864 through 1889. Beginning in 1867 it contained engravings made directly from counterfeit plates captured by the Secret Service. Permission was obviously obtained to do this. Earlier copies of the third edition copyrighted in 1870 includes three such counterfeits and text to go with them. Later third editions eliminate the text and the prints and one copy I have says "taken out by order of the Secretary of the Treasury." The fourth edition was copyrighted in 1873 and has no counterfeits. The order therefore took place between 1870 and 1873.

Is it possible for you to find the Order or to find any correspondence with Laban Heath or Laban Heath & Co.?

I will be most appreciative of your service as I am writing a study on this subject.

Sincerely yours,


ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

EPN
atb

bc
Mr. H. Bartholomew Cox

69 Arundel Place
Clayton, Missouri 63105
February 1, 1972

Dear Mr. Newman,

Sorry I have not returned the book
sooner, but I have been ill for
several weeks. Please find a check for
\$35.00 for one of the small Heath Counter-
feit Detector. Mr. Deitchman was not
interested in purchasing the book.

Best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,
Larry Mark

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION



DATE: February 4, 1972

National Archives and Records Service
Washington, D.C. 20408

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: NNFL

SUBJECT: Correspondence of Laban Heath with the Treasury Department (Your letter of January 14, 1972)

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Eric P. Newman Numismatic
Education Society
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri 63105

After a very extensive search of correspondence among General Records of the Department of the Treasury (Record Group 56) we have been unable to find data on the Secretary's order to Laban Heath to discontinue the use of cuts of United States securities in his "Counterfeit Detector."

We have found, however, a six-page file containing letters of September 3, 1866, and January 12, 1867, from Heath to the Secretary of the Treasury requesting permission to use the cuts and to order additional ones. Enclosed with these letters is an order dated September 4, 1866, from the Secretary of the Treasury to the President of the Continental Bank Note Company instructing him to print the items requested by Heath. Enclosed are electrostatic copies of these files, together with a bill for \$1.00 and an envelope for your convenience in remitting the money.

Also in the same record group is a four-page letter dated July 14, 1866, from the Continental Bank Note Company to the Secretary of the Treasury furnishing him with their views on the propriety of granting Heath's request for the cuts.

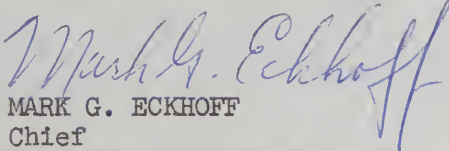
A photostatic copy of this letter can be furnished for \$4.00. To order please send a check or money order payable to the General Services Administration (NNFL) addressed to the Cashier, National Archives and Records Service, Washington, D.C. 20408.

References were found to two other letters from Heath to the Secretary of the Treasury, dated April 4 and October 23, 1866. The records show that they were withdrawn from the files in 1891, and we have been unable to locate them or to determine their subject content.

2

We are sending a copy of your letter to our General Archives Division in Suitland, Maryland, for a search of Secret Service records which might be pertinent to your inquiry.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Mark G. Eckhoff". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "M" and "E".

MARK G. ECKHOFF
Chief
Legislative, Judicial and
Fiscal Branch
Civil Archives Division

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

February 11, 1972

Mr. Mark G. Eckhoff, Chief
Legislative, Judicial and Fiscal Branch
Civil Archives Division
General Services Administration
Washington, D. C. 20403

(Attn. NNFL)

Subject: Correspondence of Laban Heath with the Treasury Department

Dear Mr. Eckhoff:

Reference is made to your letter of February 4, 1972 for which we are very grateful to you. We are very pleased that you located some of these documents.

Your letter indicates that you had enclosed electrostatic copies of the files, with a bill for \$1.00, but, unfortunately, these items were not enclosed. You also indicated you would send me a photocopy of a letter dated July 14, 1866 from Continental Bank Note Company to the Secretary of the Treasury on the matter.

To save time, I am enclosing a check for \$5.00 to cover the above items and would appreciate it if they were sent.

We note that you have sent a copy of our letter to the General Archives Division, in Suitland, Maryland, for a search of the Secret Service records, and it is entirely possible that they would have some of this information as well as the April 4, 1866 and October 23, 1866 letters which were withdrawn from your files in 1891.

After receiving the records which you were able to locate, I will see if I have any further suggestions.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

EPN/atb

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

February 11, 1972

Mr. Mark G. Eckhoff, Chief
Legislative, Judicial and Fiscal Branch
Civil Archives Division
General Services Administration
Washington, D. C. 20408

(Attn. NNFL)

Subject: Correspondence of Laban Heath with the Treasury Department

Dear Mr. Eckhoff:

Reference is made to your letter of February 4, 1972 for which we are very grateful to you. We are very pleased that you located some of these documents.

Your letter indicates that you had enclosed electrostatic copies of the files, with a bill for \$1.00, but, unfortunately, these items were not enclosed. You also indicated you would send me a photocopy of a letter dated July 14, 1866 from Continental Bank Note Company to the Secretary of the Treasury on the matter.

To save time, I am enclosing a check for \$5.00 to cover the above items and would appreciate it if they were sent.

We note that you have sent a copy of our letter to the General Archives Division, in Suitland, Maryland, for a search of the Secret Service records, and it is entirely possible that they would have some of this information as well as the April 4, 1866 and October 23, 1866 letters which were withdrawn from your files in 1891.

After receiving the records which you were able to locate, I will see if I have any further suggestions.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

EPN/atb

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

February 11, 1972

Mr. Mark G. Eckhoff, Chief
Legislative, Judicial and Fiscal Branch
Civil Archives Division
General Services Administration
Washington, D. C. 20408

(Attn. NNFL)

Subject: Correspondence of Laban Heath with the Treasury Department

Dear Mr. Eckhoff:

Reference is made to your letter of February 4, 1972 for which we are very grateful to you. We are very pleased that you located some of these documents.

Your letter indicates that you had enclosed electrostatic copies of the files, with a bill for \$1.00, but, unfortunately, these items were not enclosed. You also indicated you would send me a photocopy of a letter dated July 14, 1866 from Continental Bank Note Company to the Secretary of the Treasury on the matter.

To save time, I am enclosing a check for \$5.00 to cover the above items and would appreciate it if they were sent.

We note that you have sent a copy of our letter to the General Archives Division, in Suitland, Maryland, for a search of the Secret Service records, and it is entirely possible that they would have some of this information as well as the April 4, 1866 and October 23, 1866 letters which were withdrawn from your files in 1891.

After receiving the records which you were able to locate, I will see if I have any further suggestions.

Sincerely yours,



ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

EPN/ath

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION



DATE: February 16, 1972

National Archives and Records Service
Washington, D.C. 20408

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: NNFL

SUBJECT: Laban Heath's "Counterfeit Detector" (Your letter of January 14, 1972)

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Eric P. Newman Numismatic
Education Society
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63105

Enclosed are the electrostatic copies of pertinent records mentioned in our letter of February 4, which were inadvertently omitted from that letter.

We also enclose a bill for these reproductions. Please follow the procedures as indicated on the bill.

We apologize for the error.

Sincerely,

MARK G. ECKHOFF
Chief
Legislative, Judicial and
Fiscal Branch
Civil Archives Division

Enclosures

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

National Archives and Records Service
Washington National Records Center
Washington, D.C. 20409



February 18, 1972

- Mr. Eric P. Newman
Eric P. Newman Numismatic Education Society
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri 63105

Dear Mr. Newman:

A copy of your letter of January 14 relating to Treasury Department communications and orders affecting Laban Heath was referred to us for reply concerning records of the United States Secret Service in our custody.

We examined the Secret Service's registers of letters received and sent for the years 1863-77, and the register of letters referred to the Service from the Secretary of the Treasury and others, 1863-69, and found a total of three Heath items in them. We found no Heath entry in the Register of Letters Referred, but in the Registers of Letters Received we found an entry for a letter dated March 1, 1867 from Heath requesting specimens of counterfeit currency.

In the Registers of Letters sent we found an entry for a letter sent to Heath dated September 25, 1875, declining to furnish him counterfeit money, and one for a letter to him dated September 5, 1876, concerning an article for his "new book." There is a gap in the Registers of Letters Sent for the period from May 11, 1869 to October 1, 1874.

Most of the early correspondence of the Service is no longer extant, including the letter received from and copies of the letters sent to Heath described above. We can furnish negative photostatic copies of the three register pages containing the above entries for \$1.00 each, or a total of \$3. To order send a check or money order (payable to GSA-NNG) to the Cashier, Washington National Records Center, Washington, D. C. 20409.

Sincerely,

F. Harder Allen

for EDWIN R. FLATEQUAL
Director
General Archives Division

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

February 24, 1972

Mr. Edwin R. Flatequal, Director
General Archives Division
Washington National Records Center
Washington, D. C. 20409

Attention: F. Hardee Allen

Dear Sir:

Thank you for your letter of February 18, 1972
with respect to furnishing entries of letters received and
sent relating to LABAN HEATH. \$3.00 is enclosed payable
to General Services Adm. - NNG.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

EPN/atb

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS SERVICE

BILL FOR PUBLICATIONS OR REPRODUCTIONS

Payment is due no later than date shown at right. Accounts more than 60 days overdue may be subject to a **FINANCE CHARGE** of $\frac{1}{2}\%$ per month (**ANNUAL PERCENTAGE RATE-6%**). Make payment by check or money order payable to GSA. Mail payment, with a copy of this bill, to **CASHIER, NATIONAL ARCHIVES (GSA), WASHINGTON, DC 20408.**

EXPLANATION OF CHARGES

A FACSIMILES
B MICROFILM PUBLICATIONS
C PROLOGUE
D SLIDES
E OTHER PUBLICATIONS

J CENSUS RECORDS
K MILITARY SERVICE RECORDS
L TAX RECORDS
M VESSEL HISTORY RECORDS
N OTHER RECORDS

R AUDIOVISUAL MATERIALS
X AUTHENTICATION SERVICES
Y POSTAGE OR SHIPPING
Z OTHER SERVICES

Eric P. Newman
Eric P. Newman Numismatic
Education Society
6450 Cecil Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63105

BILLING DATE	BILL NUMBER
2-16-72	NNFL72-33
DUE DATE	ACCOUNTING CODE
3-16-72	401.311

DESCRIPTION OF CHARGES SEE EXPLANATION AT LEFT		
DATE	CODE	AMOUNT
	N	\$1 00
PAY THIS AMOUNT		\$1 00

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

February 24, 1972

Mr. Edwin R. Flatequal, Director
General Archives Division
Washington National Records Center
Washington, D. C. 20409

Attention: F. Hardee Allen

Dear Sir:

Thank you for your letter of February 18, 1972
with respect to furnishing entries of letters received and
sent relating to LABAN HEATH. \$3.00 is enclosed payable
to General Services Adm. - NNG.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

EPN/atb

Memo From —

RALPH GOLDSTONE

581 Boylston Street — Boston, Mass. 02116

(617) 266-6004

May 20, 1972

Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores Inc.
P.O. Box 14020
St. Louis, Mo. 63178.

Dear Eric:
Re: Heath Counterfeit Detectors.
In Washington D.C. last year
I sold a lot for \$1374 - just
a bit over my actual cost.
To date I have received \$1269 leaving
a balance still due me of \$105.
You actually expressed the
desire to acquire all the
Detectors I had. I sent
you another lot and I
believe I asked you \$400 -
for same. Against this
you sent me a check of \$5 -
which I am returning enclosed.
I am sorry that I did not

(continued)

Memo From -

RALPH GOLDSTONE

581 Boylston Street - Boston, Mass. 02116

(617) 266-6004

Contact you sooner ⁽²⁾ but
conditions healthwise re. my
wife and myself have
been deteriorating

All this time I had felt
you would take all the
Detective without question.

I wish Eric you can
straighten this deal out
in a satisfactory manner
at your earliest convenience

Sincerely,
Ralph Goldstone

Leonard H. Finn

7/11/22

40 Gorton Road - West Roxbury - Mass. - 02132

Dear Eric -

Just a short note -

• On page 362 of
the 1881 Boston Almanac

& Directory - under Microscopes

"LABAN HEATH & Co" of

Worcester -

Keep W-H -

Respectfully

Leonard

P.S. What about our trade?

8005 SOUTH CLIPPINGER DRIVE CINCINNATI, OHIO 45243

October 23, 1972

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri 63105

Dear Mr. Newman:

Barbara Mueller has forwarded to me your letter of October 10. Thanks for the compliments.

Regarding Heath's counterfeit detectors, I have seen a number of these, but only own three at present. In my quick judgment, they fall into three categories. The first is pre-1865, which contain only a few comments directly pertinent to Federal currency. The second would be the issues of 1865 through 1868, which contain impressions of many different counterfeit plates of the early Federal notes. The third category is the 1870 - 1878 group, which contain partial impressions of many genuine plates, but which completely lack any counterfeit impression ~~contact~~. The text of all Heath's counterfeit detectors is essentially the same with some containing more detail than others.

contact.

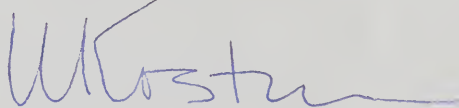
Regarding your specific questions, both items you referred to were ^{extracted} extruded by me from Lynn Glaser's book entitled, Counterfeiting in America, published in 1968. The comment regarding the 1727 different counterfeits simply is a statement which he made, but did not tie to a specific reference. The comment regarding the New York Times report of 1862 was referenced to W. L. Ormsby, "On the Statistics of Counterfeiting; Defects in our Paper Currency," from the papers of the American Geographical and Statistical Society (October, 1863), pp. 44-45.

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Page 2
October 23, 1972

I am enclosing a xeroxed copy of that reference in case you do not have this book.

If I can be of any further help to you, please let me know.

Very truly yours,



William P. Koster

WPK:pl

Enclosure

P.S. Please excuse the corrections. No new proof, though, in asking my sec'y to retype —
Bill K.

Out of thirteen hundred and eighty-nine banks in the United States, only two hundred and fifty-three have escaped the attempts at imitation by one or another of the many species of frauds. And out of these two hundred and fifty-three, at least one hundred and forty-three are not worth counterfeiting, so that in round numbers, out of 1,300 bank note issues, but one hundred are not counterfeited. The rule is, that the better the bank, the more the counterfeits. All the New York City notes are counterfeited except three, and of these, two are closing institutions, and one does not issue any notes! The only State (which has but one bank) whose bank notes are not counterfeited, is Florida. The reason is plainly because the genuine notes of the four banks [*sic*] in that State are all of doubtful value. So that in all the seceded States, where the paper currency is much depreciated, counterfeiting is unprofitable. Maryland has only four bank note issues not counterfeited out of 33, and of these four, one is at a heavy discount. The great State of Massachusetts, with her one hundred and eighty-two banks, has only seven whose issues are not counterfeited. And yet, Massachusetts is the only State where there is an association for the prevention of counterfeiting! Of the two hundred and ninety-five banks in New York State, the issues of only forty-five are not counterfeited, or six-sevenths of the banks in this State have had their notes counterfeited.

The paper felt that:

The road to wealth by such easy though dishonest means, presents a temptation which the young, too often, are incapable of resisting, and which, in many cases, leads to the brothel, the gaming-house and the gallows. The plentiful supply of fraudulent bills, renders the people familiar with seeing them offered, and men who would scorn to pick a pocket, or commit a robbery will pass a bad bill on a friend with the utmost indifference, and think their success a good joke, notwithstanding it is a state prison offence. Then the friend must repeat the experiment, and so the evil becomes wide-spread. The extent of the evil is apparent from the many publications devoted to the exposure of counterfeit money; and hardly an issue of the daily press is without some record of new devices of the counterfeiters.¹⁴

It was not unusual for the subject of counterfeiting to

be a topic for lectures. will encounter later of bills when he was not was John S. Dye, a proterfeit detectors. In on he said that the actual declined owing to the h notes. Rogues had tak spurious ones. Dye illus He showed various alte to look was at the word been added in raising plicated vignettes at th had to scrape out the would often result in a on this part of the bill erally satisfied if they of the bill.

He illustrated spu certain captain who go the Planter's Bank of A earlier days to allow th customer obtained poss of counterfeiters who the plate (as there was see." They then made on the legitimate Plant

To deal with the tendant counterfeits th Counterfeit Detectors. ber of counterfeit no Gilbert and Dean, publ in Boston, to issue a counterfeit bills. This counterfeit detector an

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

March 27, 1973

Mr. George W. Wait
Box 165
Glen Ridge, New Jersey 07028

Dear George:

So far 17 small Heath's and 4 large Heath's have arrived.
I want to be sure that this is the total which you have sent.
If there are more to come, please let me hear from you.
I never dreamed you had such a fine group of them.

Thank you for your nice letter.

Sincerely yours,

EPN/atb

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

*Eric - This
is all!*

*Best to you
both -
George*

Goodspeed's

BOOK SHOP, INC.



Anything that's a book

Boston MASSACHUSETTS

18 BEACON STREET

No. 022784

SOLD
TO

DATE 5/22/75

SHIP TO

- MR. ERIC P. NEWMAN
EDISON BROTHERS STORES, INC.
POST OFFICE BOX 14020
400 WASHINGTON AVENUE
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI 63178

TERMS: NET, NO CASH DISCOUNT

HOW RECEIVED		ENCLOSURE	DATE	SHIPPED VIA		DEPT.
PHONE/BB:EO				PP		3
CAT. NO.	ITEM	ON APPROVAL				PRICE
		HEATH'S GREATLY IMPROVED AND ENLARGED INFALLIBLE GOVERNMENT COUNTERFEIT DETECTOR... BOSTON, (1866).				45 00
		DELIVERY				51
						45 51

168

GEORGE W. WAIT
Box 165
GLEN RIDGE, NEW JERSEY 07028

April 5, 1976

Dear Eric:

Possibly you have heard that I am hospitalized for my second heart attack in the past six weeks and I'm naturally beginning to wonder whether life isn't a rather temporary affair.

When I recover, I expect to list my various numismatic assets and dispose of those not of current interest.

My records indicate that three years ago, I loaned you seventeen Heaths, mostly of the small size, and since I have had several inquiries for them I feel I should place them on the market. Based on the fact that Dr. Jackson bought several of the large ones from me about five or six years ago at \$140 each and from indications that even the small ones now sell for more than they used to (inflation)!, I think a fair price might be \$1200 for the lot. Naturally, you have first option, if you should want to add them to your library, otherwise I hope you will find it convenient to return them.

Incidentally, my second daughter (age 27) whose husband ^{is} an engineer for Western Electric, just bought a small house in a new development in Manchester, Missouri. She moved last week.

Best regards,

George

P.S. As you know, my main interest is in obsoletes, so I'll want to keep the Hodges, in fact, I'm going to have the binding repaired. My next book will be D.C., originally assigned to Ellis Edlow. I hope I make it!

GEORGE W. WAIT
Box 165
GLEN RIDGE, NEW JERSEY 07028

May 24, 1976

Dear Eric:

As soon as I received your letter, I called Nancy. She is very grateful for your kind offer but as of now she has some leads in her area and of course she would prefer to be near home, especially since her husband is less than ten minutes from his work.

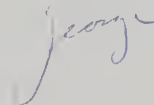
My records don't seem to jibe with yours - I thought I sent you a total of only seventeen Heaths - four large and thirteen small. Perhaps some of yours got mixed with mine? If you're sure I sent you twenty one, please send them all to me with the four you want marked in some way and unless I note some reason to do otherwise (special plates or something) I'll send them back to you. My deal with the dentist is for seventeen books in total.

On the other hand, if only seventeen are mine, I would like to conclude the deal with the dentist, but pointing out to him your desire to purchase four of them. My feeling is that he would sell if they don't contain something of special interest to him - it would reduce his price. I would give you his name and address, or ask him to contact you. You understand that I don't want to jeopardize my deal for the lot.

As for Swan Island - you'll recall you got my price down to \$500 by pointing out that the higher auction sales price had to be reduced by a commission. Also - I sent you the finest note I had!

I like your thought that both of us have much more to do in the research and writing field. I suspect that no others spend as much time really working in this area, but your products are much more diversified than mine. Don't push yourself too hard - some people feel that this had much to do with my troubles.

Best regards,



.....
Marked 6/3/76

Send to Brook
George Waint Post,
P.O. Box 1165
Ellen Ridge, N.J. 07028

Have them put it in a bigger
box

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

June 4, 1976

Mr. George Wait
Box 165
Glen Ridge, NJ 07028

Dear George:

I am pleased that you sent me more Heaths than you thought you did. Each one has your signature in it so there is no doubt about the 17 small ones and the 4 large ones. You stated that you would send the 4 small ones I need back to me and they are #3, #6, #16, and #20. I told you that I didn't cherry pick, but took only what I do not have. A check for \$200 is enclosed. You will still have a nice group for your dentist friend. I am glad it all worked out in a surprise for you.

The group of books are sent back under separate cover for you to see for yourself.

Thank you for letting me research them as I will in due course write an article on them and you will naturally be mentioned.

Kindest regards,

Eric P. Newman

EPN:jah

Encl.

GEORGE W. WAIT
Box 165
GLEN RIDGE, NEW JERSEY 07028

June 26, 1976

Dear Eric:

The books arrived in good order, very nicely packed.

I have gone over them and find that number 20 contains a couple of plates not available in the others so am keeping it, at least for now. This should not bother you, since you will be getting 3/4 of those you want. However, instead of cash, I would prefer to receive your duplicate 1863 Hodges in exchange. I think you would be getting at least a \$200 value, since you will agree that number 16 contains much more than the average small Heath such as Numbers 3 and 6. I recall seeing small Heaths offered at \$65 each sometime ago but I admit I am not up to date on current prices.

I was real happy to see the headline in the Coin World issue of June 30 informing me that your book will be available August 1. I wish my Maine and New Jersey books could also be promised for that date!

Probably you noticed in the NLG bulletin that we are in dire need of a new editor for PAPER MONEY. If you can think of a good candidate it would be just great. (A)

Your check for \$200 dated June 4 is enclosed.

Best regards,

George

encl.

P.S. Number 20 will not be offered in my possible sale of 17 Heaths.

(A) This letter was buried for almost a month. Medlar called me yesterday to discuss a new editor and I think a man named Watson is the leading candidate 7/19/76

The dentist says he will be out in a week or so - but I suspect he has cooled off a bit!

GEORGE W. WAIT

Box 165

GLEN RIDGE, NEW JERSEY 07028

September 28, 1976

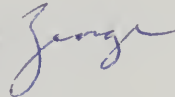
Dear Eric:

First, I want to congratulate you on the publication of your new book. I do not have a copy as yet, but expect to obtain it when I go to New York this week.

Next, your talk at the SPMC luncheon was great. So many people have mentioned it to me that I thought you ought to know that it was much appreciated.

In my last letter, I offered three small Heaths (numbers, 3, 6 and 16) for your duplicate 1863 Hodges. At the time, I thought it was a liberal offer, since a few years back the Hodges books brought about a hundred dollars and allowing for inflation, I figured the correct market might be \$150 or so. I have just learned that an 1860 Hodges brought \$275 in an auction on August 30, so I am now increasing my offer to \$100 plus the three Heaths. If I do not hear from you by October 15th, I will know that you are still not interested!

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "George".

October 11, 1976

Mr. George W. Wait
Box 165
Glen Ridge, New Jersey 07028

Dear Mr. Wait:

Mr. Eric Newman is out of the country until October 18. I note in your recent letter that you are holding some books for Mr. Newman's consideration through October 15. If it would be possible, I'm sure Mr. Newman would appreciate it if you could hold them until his return.

I will bring this to his attention as soon as he comes back. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Virginia Grib
Secretary to Mr. Newman

vg

October 25, 1976

Mr. George W. Wart
Box 165
Glenridge, New Jersey

Dear George:

I just returned from Indonesia.

Thank you for the nice remarks about my revision before you saw it. That opinion may be altered after you look at it, but I hope not. The talk before SPMC was fun for me as I like the stuff so much I try to let my enthusiasm just spill out to others.

As to the Heath books it is best that we drop it. You withdrew one before you offered the other three and so I presume you wanted it for something else. The Hodge I have was never offered by me except for an exchange for the 1865 Hodge you had. You always appreciated Hodges and so did I and value adjustments are not important to me when books like that are so difficult to get.

Keep working on your projects.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

nc



AMERICAN ANTIQUARIAN SOCIETY

185 Salisbury Street, Worcester, Massachusetts 01609 U.S.A.

December 2, 1976

Mr. Eric P. Newman Numismatic Education Society
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri 63105

Dear Mr. Newman:

There are five cards in our catalogue recording counterfeit detectors produced by Laban Heath. The enclosed photocopy will advise you of their titles, edition numbers and imprint date. I trust this information is useful in your present research project.

Sincerely yours,

Frederick E. Bauer, Jr.
Frederick E. Bauer, Jr.
Associate Librarian

FEB/gl

American Antiquarian Society

185 SALISBURY STREET

WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS, 01609, U. S. A.

January 11, 1977

Dear Mr. Newman:

Hand collation of the Saban Heath 12th ed. (Pocket)
Revised for 1877 indicates that there are
47 pages (numbered), plus 10 plates, plus
14 un-numbered pages. This coincides with
the collation which you have already
established for this work. Apparently the
"41" is a typographical error.

The Banking and Counting House Edition of 1877
is the one which contains 41 pages.

Sincerely yours,
Frederick E. Bauer, Jr.
Associate Librarian



AMERICAN ANTIQUARIAN SOCIETY

185 Salisbury Street, Worcester, Massachusetts 01609 U.S.A.

15 November 1978

Eric P. Newman
Eric P. Newman Numismatic Education Society
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

I am sorry to have to report that we could locate no biographical information on Laban Heath.

William Joyce, Curator of Manuscripts, searched the manuscripts collections without success. I checked our card catalog, standard reference sources, and Heath family genealogies.

I am glad we were able to be more helpful with Edward Howard.

Sincerely,

Nancy H. Burkett

Nancy H. Burkett
Head of Readers' Services

GLENN E. JACKSON
President
~~607 Main Street~~
Watertown, Conn. 06795

ROBERT H. PRATT
First Vice President
3097 W. Mill Road
Milwaukee, Wis. 53209

FALK FINKELBURG
Second Vice President
Box 237
Coram, N. Y. 11727

KENNETH MINUSE
Secretary
1236 Grand Concourse
New York, N. Y. 10456

ERNEST C. WILKENS
Treasurer
1732 Norman St.
Brooklyn, N. Y. 11227

Box 308

THE ESSAY-PROOF SOCIETY

Feburary 10, 1982

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue,
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

I enjoyed talking with you the other evening. I am planing on making Memphis this year, if you also make it , i would like a visit with you.

Here is a listing of my small collection
Heaths books, as per your request.

✓ Pocket Edition
1-1864-Seventeen thousand

✓ 3-1870 3rd Ed.

✓ 1-1873 Eleventh Ed.

✓ 1-1877 Twelfth Ed.

✓ 1-1878 TveTwelfth Ed

✓ 1-1881 Thirteenth Ed.

✓ 1-1867 Fifteenth

Counting House Edition
1-1866-1867- July 2, 2nd. Ed.

1-1867 July 12 *2nd ed. 1867*

3-1870 Third Ed. Rev. *3rd ed. 1870*

2-1877 Twelfth Ed.

2-1879 Thirteenth Ed. *need one*

Also 9 Counterfeit Plates

\$5 Legal Payable at N y.
\$10 Legal Payable at N. Y.
\$ 50 Legal
\$100 Legal

\$10 1st. N. B. Philadelphia
\$10 Merchants N. B. Chicago
\$20 4th N. B. N Y
\$20 1st N. B. City of N. Y.
\$100 1st N. B. Boston

I do hope you will be able to send Barbara
an article on Labian Heath.

Sincerely

Glenn E. Jackson

Feb 17, 1982

Dear Dr Jackson

It was so nice to hear from you. I appreciate your cooperation in furnishing the detail as to your Heaths. I presume you had not yet received my letter of Feb 8, 1982 when you wrote yours of Feb 10, 1982.

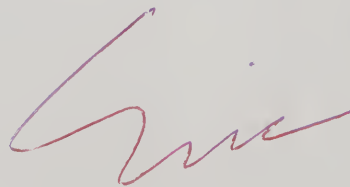
I do need some further data on the Heaths which you own, particularly the large and small 3rd editions. In the large ones of the 3rd edition could you state what the index shows as plates XII, XIII, XIV, XV and XVI and what actual plates of counterfeits are in the book in the order of their insertion. Some indices leave out some plates, some plates don't conform with the indices. In the small 3rd editions would you list what counterfeits they contain and after which page they occur.

Now I note that you have two examples of the large 1879 Thirteenth edition and I do not have one of that date (I have 1878). I have a duplicate of the small size Fourteenth edition dated 1883 which you do not have. Could we trade these so as to improve each others holdings. If you feel the large one is more valuable than the small one then we can adjust this depending on condition. Mine is very nice. If you wish to see mine first I'll gladly send it.

Isn't the study of these plates interesting. I see you have all the counterfeit plates separately. I have them all in the various issues of the books.

As to Memphis I believe I will be visiting the Red Sea at that time - particularly Yemen, but I am close to the Egyptian Memphis.

I look forward to hearing from you



6450 Cecil Ave.

St Louis Mo 63105

P.S. Could you state the
rarity and desirability
of this specie issue?

Yours

N.S.

GEORGE FREDERICK KOLBE
FINE NUMISMATIC BOOKS
23881 Via Fabricante #511
Mission Viejo, California 92691, USA
Tel. (714) 768-6854

NORMAN BRAUER

DALTON, PA. 18414

MAY 18, 1982

ERIC - THOUGHT YOU MIGHT
FIND THIS OF INTEREST.
FEEL FREE TO CONTACT MR.
BRAUER IF YOU WISH.

BEST,

George

G. FREDERICK KOLBE

Dear ~~Frank~~ George:

I recently acquired this Heart's Treasures, etc
and I'm puzzled about it.

All reference to HEART has been
obliterated, except one which must have
been overlooked, and the Mason co.,
Chicago stamp used throughout.

It is the 12th Edn, 1877.

Can you supply any info as to
why this was done - is it possibly
an isolated incident?

Plate No 9 (\$1,000) note is missing.

The cover is maroon. Would this edition have
only carried 9 plates? Is it possible
to obtain this missing plate in the marketplace?
Thank you with answers soon. - Many thanks
N. Brauer

HEATH'S
OBLITERATED

IN FALLIBLE

Government Counterfeit Detector

AT SIGHT.

ILLUSTRATED WITH ENTIRELY NEW PLATES OF BOTH
GREENBACKS AND NATIONAL BANK NOTES.

THE ONLY INFALLIBLE METHOD OF DETECTING
COUNTERFEIT, SPURIOUS, ALTERED BANK
NOTES AND GOVERNMENT BONDS,

AS NOW IN CIRCULATION OR THAT MAY BE ISSUED.

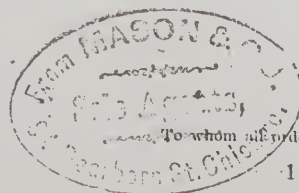
Applicable to all Banks in the United States and Canada.

WITH

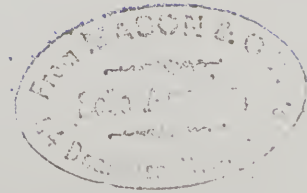
GENUINE DESIGNS FROM THE ORIGINAL GOVERNMENT PLATES,

By authority from the United States Treasury Department.

Twelfth Edition.



1877.



HEATH'S
OBLITERATED

(INFALLIBLE)

Government Counterfeit

DETECTOR

Large and Improved Edition

((ILLUSTRATED WITH)))

PROOF IMPRESSIONS

from the Original Engraved

GOVERNMENT PLATES

by Authority of the

(United States)

Treasury Department.

UNITED STATES
TREASURY
AND
NATIONAL BANK NOTE
DETECTOR

Mr. Eric Newman
6450 Cecil Ave.
St. Louis, Mo.
63105

May 20, 1982

Dear Eric:

Alan Heath
comment

I Hope this little note finds you well, I'm sure you had a nice vacation.

I'm certainly pleased about the fifth reprint. Al Hock is fortunate to have you to update and write the new forward I doubt anyone else could do it as well as you.

It's really great, its coming on Mr. Crosby's 150th anniversary. It is already my opinion that this reprint will be as, if not better than an original.

We have a statewide weekly, The New Hampshire Times they are going to do a story on The Crosbys, you will receive that within a few months.

I read about James Spilman and his Colonial Newsletter in your centennial forward perhaps you would like to send this information on Mr. Crosby to him, as a matter of fact Eric, send this information where ever you feel it should be published.

Do you want more duplicate negatives? Tell me exactly what you need and I'll send it along. Do you have a negative of Mr. Crosby? I don't have that photograph of him, I can make duplicate, The obituary photo that is.

S S Crosby's first wife must have been from the Boston area, in the list of subscribers of C.A.C. is the name Capelle, William Curtis his first wife was Mary Elizabeth Capelle.

I'll be starting on Laban Heath soon. He was born in Bow, N. H. The town history of Bow mentions a Laban Heath who had two sons Carlton & Solomon, the Heaths ran a sawmill, there was a Judge Heath also, I think the Laban Heath we are concerned about was this Laban Heath's grandson. This should be interesting. Did you see Kolbe's new auction catalog Lot 942 J. R. Kendrick Concord Railroad.

The other interesting item lot 1082, The Crosby Collection. It sounds to me like some one cut plates out of the Early Coins of America book, home made copy with plates.

I'm keeping out of mischief, mowing the lawn painting the downstairs and refinishing an old oak coin cabinet. I hope it comes out real nice, I say that because it was a real mess when I got it. You don't see too many of those around anymore.

Take care Eric,

Best Wishes
Bob Wester

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

June 14, 1982

George Kolbe, Mission Viejo, Cal

Dear George:

The inquiry from Norman Brainer of Dalton, Pa 18414 about his 1877 Heath Counting House Edition is interesting. In my opinion the ob-literation of the Heath name and the stamping of the Mason name in the place where the Heath name was eliminated was done because Mason & Co. was a "Sole Agents" and wanted all orders for the books to come to them - not to Heath. Whether the salesmen carried these altered books around or Mason sent out altered books to customers I do not know.

The interesting thing to me is that the ^{Mason} cover reads
UNITED STATES TREASURY AND NATIONAL BANK NOTE DETECTOR.
This cover text is the changeover from the old "Infallible" text which is also found on the 12 edition issues of 1877.

I hope I have been helpful. You may send this to your correspondent if you wish.

Best regards



P.S. All issues carry 10 plates so far as I know.

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

August 23, 1982

Mr. Robert Wester
54 High Street
Suncook, NH 03275

Dear Bob:

How nice to meet you, to see your exhibit and to hear you talk on your favorite subject. It was a delightful surprise. Crosby would be proud of you.

The Sylvester Sage book was very appreciated as was the photocopy of the 1795 Chaplin tables. My photocopy is missing p. 24 and 25 and has a duplicate of p. 36 and wrapper which is enclosed. Perhaps you can send pp. 24 and 25 at a convenient time.

It was such a busy and exciting time for me with all the people to see, lectures to hear, meetings and events. I presume it was the same for you.

I was amazed when Frank Katen told me he had a set of Crosby parts in wrappers in choice condition.

It is such a pleasure to work with you. My best regards to your wife who, I am sure, is as delighted with your scholarship as I am. Thanks again.

Cordially,

Eric P. Newman

jah

Encl.

Aug 23, 1982

Bob Wester

Dear Bob —

Since you have begun to work on Laban Heath I want to tell you what I know, but let's not publish anything until it is expanded sufficiently.

Laban Heath was born Jan 28, 1837 in Bow, N. H. and died in Revere, Mass on Jan 6, 1894. He lived in the Crescent Beach district of Revere and owned a house at Florence and Arlington Avenues in Revere and a lot in Everett, Mass. His office in later years was 48 Hanover Street, Boston. He was in the optical business for about 20 years and was the inventor of "Heath's Patent Combination Glass" when he was at 20 Washington St, Boston. I have not searched for the patent as yet.

He marriedizzie M. ~~Emery~~^{Emery}, daughter of Joshua S. Emery. He had no children and left his estate to his wife's sister, Nellie O. Emery.

He and his wife were buried in Kennebunkport, Maine.

The key thing to search for is what he did prior to 1864 when the ~~Detector~~ was published. He was a teacher of counterfeit detection - where? with whom? He was 27 years of age when he published his first edition of the detectors in 1864.

Yours in research,

Jim

209-239-9884 res.

September 4, 1982

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63105

Dear Mr. Newman:

I very much appreciated your letter of July 21, and apologize for the delay in responding. I am generally rather poor at keeping up with correspondence.

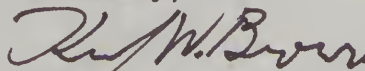
You are right that The History of Ancient and Modern Coinage is not truly a "reprint" but a reissue of separated remainders. I used the term in too broad of a sense. The preface makes that rather clear. Enclosed are copies of the first 3 pages. The 1969 copyright statement is printed on the back of the title page, and is reset in much smaller type than The American Bond Detector. My copy of the 1871 reissue contains pp. 37-66 (Coins and coinage), 77-79 (Public debt), 80 (Tabular statement), 81-84 (Revenue), 85-88 (Expenditures), 89-94 (Coinage of the Mint & Branches) all of which appear identical to the Bond Detector except that my xerox copy lacks pp. 89-90.

Because my research work in insect taxonomy involves a great deal of reliance on literature, I have long been an avid collector of antiquarian works dealing with my research specialty. As a coin collector I always developed good libraries in maintaining an academic level of background interest (over the years I shifted from ancient Chinese to modern Chinese to Iranian). Finally in 1978 I sold everything I had including most of my library to help towards the purchase of a small almond orchard. Never being able to abandon numismatics, I was entranced by a book offered me by Harvey Hurtt in Berkeley with embossed plates (Skelton). Since then I have been seriously collecting that type of book and have not bought a coin since. Since it seemed to be such unexplored territory, I also became very interested in researching the subject and thus was born my first effort, the article in The Asylum.

Unfortunately the books themselves are quite mute about the remarkable plates they contain. A few (Martin & Trübner, and Grässe) refer to "galvano plastic molds" and that is about it. I still have found no articles or references which refer to this technique and would be most pleased if you should find anything.

My primary task now is actually finding out what titles exist which are illustrated this way. Enclosed is a list of my progress to date (there are 3 more I have found which are not metallic colored; by Hucher, Leake, and Thomason). If you have seen any others, please let me know.

Sincerely,



Kirby W. Brown

have

- ✓ Bible Coins. Metallic Facsimiles of the Coins mentioned in Holy Scripture. London, n.d. (ca. 1850?) (1 embossed plate).
- ✓ BLUMEL, ALFRED J. The coinage of different countries. Vienna, 1926 (45 embossed postcards).
- ✓ (BONNIER, A.). De Europeiska Myntsorterna, jemte en del Amerikanska och Asiatiska. Stockholm, 1856 (72 embossed plates, all from Fort).
- ✓ ECKFELDT, J. & W. DUBOIS. Supplement to the Manual of Coins and Bullion. Philadelphia, "1849" (1850) (1 embossed plate).
- ✓ ECKFELDT, J. & W. DUBOIS. New varieties of gold and silver coins. Phila., 1850 (1 emb. plate).
- ✓ FLIESBACH, Dr. FERDINAND. Münzsammlung enthaltend die wichtigsten seit dem Westphälischen Frieden bis zum Jahre 1800 geprägten Gold- und Silber-Münzen. Leipzig, 1853, 1856, 1883, 1885 (120 emb. pl.). *452 pp. \$ 200-300*
- ✓ FORT, LUDWIG. Nueste Münzkunde, Abbildung und Beschreibung der jetzt coursirenden Gold- und Silbermünzen. Leipzig, 1851-52, 1853, 1856 (90 embossed plates). *less than 150*
- ✓ GRASSE, THEODORE. Handbuch der Alten Numismatik. Leipzig, 1852-53, 1854 (72 embossed plates). *Text plates*
- ✓ Greiling Münz Sammlung. Dresden, 1929 (44 pages with 644 embossed cigarette cards glued in).
- ✓ HENZE, A. (ed.). Illustrierter Anzeiger für Contor und Bureau. Leipzig, 1877-1922 (2 pasted embossed cards, years 1878 and 1879 only). *have 1877-1881*
- ✓ HENZE, A. (ed.). Illustrierter Anzeiger über gefälschtes Papiergeld und unechte Münzen. Leipzig, 1865-1876 (91 pasted embossed cards).
- HENZE, A. Das Buch der Goldmünzen. Leipzig, 1871 (20 embossed plates).
- HENZE, A. Das geld aller Volker. Leipzig, n.d. (ca. 1877-90) (over 27 embossed plates).
- ✓ HOOD, J. & C. YOUNG. American Orders & Societies & their Decorations. Phila, 1917 (18 emb. pl.)
- ✓ HORNUNG, F. The coinage of different countries. Vienna, N.D. (ca. 1910) (48 emb. postcards).
- ✓ HUMPHREYS, H. N. Ancient Coins and Medals. London, 1850, 1851 (10 embossed plates).
- ✓ HUMPHREYS, H. N. The Gold, Silver and Copper Coins of England, 6th. ed. London, 1849 (1 emb. pl.)
- ✓ LACHMANN, Dr. ALEX. Nueste illustrierte Münz- Maas-, und Gewichtskunde. Leipzig, 1860 (96 embossed plates), 1862, 1867 (90 emb. plates), 1868?, 1876. This book is successor to Fort.
- ✓ MARTIN, L. & C. TRUBNER. The current gold and silver coins of all countries. London, 1863 (141 embossed plates). *150-200*
- (ORDWAY, N. G.). The American Bond Detector and complete history of United States Government securities. Washington, D.C., 1869 (9 embossed plates, each incorporating 3 Snowden plates).
- ✓ (ORDWAY, N. G.). The history of ancient and modern coinage containing nine plates printed in the original colors of the metal. Boston, 1871 (9 embossed plates, from Amer. Bond Detector).
- SCHUBERT, Gen. T. F. de. Monnaies Russes des derniers trois siecles. Leipzig, 1857 (37 emb. pl.).
- ✓ (SETTLEMIER, W. & N. HAMMOND). Mint-O-Seals, Historical Coinings Album. San Francisco, 1938 (12 pages with paste-on embossed coin facsimiles).
- ✓ SKELTON, H. P. New illustrated manual of the current gold & silver coins of all civilized nations of the globe. London, n.d. (1862) (96 embossed plates, all from Lachmann).
- ✓ SNOWDEN, JAMES ROSS. A description of ancient and modern coins in the cabinet collection of the mint of the United States. Philadelphia, 1860 (27 embossed plates).
- ✓ THORBURN, Col. W. S. A guide to the coins of Great Britain & Ireland in gold, silver, and copper, 2nd. ed. London, 1888 (8 embossed plates, this edition only).
- ✓ WILLIAMSON, G. C. The money of the Bible, illustrated by numerous woodcuts and facsimile representations. London, 1894, 1895; N.Y., 1894; Chicago, 1895 (1 embossed plate).

I am particularly keen to learn of titles not on this list. I am aware of other sets of bound postcards, and at least one book on oriental coins with embossings. Copies of auction records, articles on methods of embossing, etc. would be greatly appreciated.

Dec. 4, 1982

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Ave.
St. Louis, MO. 63105

Dear Mr. Newman:

Please forgive my long delay in responding to your letter of Oct. 15. I got busy with all sorts of projects and also couldn't make up my mind about the Neweste Münzkunde you offered. The basic problem is that too many higher priority books have been coming up which have been gobbling up my limited "spending money".

I got an 1856 edition of Grässe - Handbuch der Alten Numismatik, and 1851 ed. of Humphrey - Ancient coins & Medals (with 1 plate only) from George's recent sale. Also George got 2 marvelous items for me at the Sotheby sale in Zurich of the Furstenberg library. They are Henze - Das Geld Aller Volker which I have been looking for for ages (the copy is incomplete with some duplication of fascicles which I may trade at some time), and a little pamphlet printed by Ernst Schäfer called Ludwig I, König von Bayern und sein Wirken für Staat, Wissenschaft und Kunst, with embossed plates of commemorative thalers. I had never heard of this one before. Then comes the joint Kolbe/Spink sale next week where I hope to get lots 47, 92 and 258. The latter (Lachmann) will round out the study of changes in plates thru the years starting with Fort in 1851.

The upshot of this long story is that my funds up until about March are already committed so to speak. I am interested in the book you offered, but am frank in letting you know that it is low priority, and I don't want to try your patience. You mentioned Paying within one year, and I can say that by April or May I could pay you, but this seems a long time to ask you to wait.

I am still trying to figure out the nature of the copy with errata sheet. Since the 1851-2 edition lacks the errata sheet and has text identical to your 2 volume 1853 set, I can only conclude that the one with errata sheet is a later printing in which some errors were made when new plates were prepared. Also you mentioned wanting an 1849 edition. The earliest I know of is 1851 and I would be most interested to know the citation for an 1849 edition. The more I get into this fascinating area, the more I find I don't know, and the more new titles show up.

I haven't made much progress lately in researching the printing techniques, but have checked out quite a few books on printing and copies sections relating to electrotypes and embossing. Also I have gone thru the Drury reprint of "Bibliotheca Numaria" and compiled a list of all Leipzig published books since 1801. Eventually I would like to see how far back the Schäfer firm goes by checking holdings in the ANS library. I have filled the page so I'd better close.

Sincerely,





Hi Eric:

Best Holiday Wishes to you
and yours and a Happy Healthy New Year!

Bob Wester

A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS
and
a New Year full of happiness

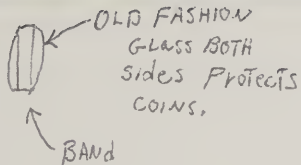
Dec. 14, 1982

Hi Eric:

Still plugging away on Laban Heath, should be getting some type of a break and info on him, sooner I hope than as long as it has seemed. Successful research though does not come at the snap of your finger.

Let me tell of a recent find I made which seems quite unusual and interesting.

I bought 3 wedding bands enclosed in the band of the silver, is a silver A Lincoln Civil War Token. Find obv 130 Rev 349 R-9



Little find like this is what makes
Numismatics exciting. I'll keep you posted when
I get information on L. Heath.

The other two bands are gold
and have mint medals, one
with Washington and Pres. Jackson.

The other gold band has enclosed
another Pres Jackson obverse and
the reverse has his inauguration
date 2nd term. All the written
matter is the same style as the
steam press token. Coins are
mirror-toned colors of the rainbow.

Happy New Year
Bob Wester



UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
475 L'Enfant Plaza, SW
Washington, DC 20260

February 10, 1983

Mr. Robert I. Wester
54 High Street
Suncook, New Hampshire 03275

Dear Mr. Wester:

Postmaster General William F. Bolger has asked me to respond to your letter suggesting the issuance of a stamp to commemorate Sylvester S. Crosby.

We receive many hundreds of suggestions for stamp subjects each year, but only a few can be selected because of the limited number of stamps issued annually. The Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee has the task of reviewing the proposals and making recommendations to the Postmaster General for final approval. Therefore, I have requested that your proposal be placed on the Committee's agenda for consideration at the next meeting.

Thank you for your interest in our stamp program.

Sincerely,

Gordon C. Morison
Assistant Postmaster General
Customer Services Department

Hi Eric:

*Just a matter of time on this for S. S.
Still looking for L. Heath.
Saw Dr. Jackson's in The Asylum*

Bob W

November 9, 1983

Mr. Eric Newman

Hi Eric:

Hope my letter finds you and your family in the best of health.

I would have answered sooner as I was waiting for information, which proved to be of no real importance to Laban Heath. Now there is situation where we need a little luck too!

Up to this point what I know is: Laban Heath was the son of Solomon Heath who operated a saw mill with his Brother Carleton. Laban Heath was named after his grandfather.

I have been scanning many early local newspapers from 1850 up. When I get a chance I'll go to Fevere, Mass.

I know you will possibly want an introduction to counterfeit detectors prior to Heath.

A.S.

are you familiar with the ¹ Gardner published in Nashua, N.H. 1858 or 59? If not, I can photostat and get negatives of some of the more impressive pages. Its softcover.

Congratulations again Eric! You really did give a great presentation to all the lovers of early american coins with the new bibliographic forward in Crosby's, C.A.C.

I see you have now estimated ten percent of "The Crosbys" to have Estes & Lauriat imprinted ^{"1878's" edition} They are very scarce. I recall your first letter in which, you inquired as to what a puzzlement and mystery they are.

John Estes and Charles Lauriat formed a partnership in 1871; with John Estes being the ^{behind} driving force in the company.

The partnership was dissolved in 1897. Both men went their separate ways in publishing. There is still "Lauriat" book stores in Boston, Lauriat name retained by large company who bought them out in 1937.

His Bad Bills Are Good

It is history that lures Bob Wester.

Ask him what his \$5 note issued in 1857 by The Mechanicks' Bank in Concord is worth (he says only one other such note is known to exist), and he says, oh, maybe \$200 or \$300. But he quickly adds: "Its real value is to the history of Concord."

It is history too that lures most of the 50 or so dealers and exhibitors who will be at the 28th annual Tri-State Collector's Exhibition this weekend at the Community Center in Concord.

The center is at 39 Green St. The exhibition is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. today and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. tomorrow. Admission is 50 cents. In addition, a coin auction will begin at 7 tonight.

About 20 exhibitors and 30 dealers will be showing and selling such items as stamps, postcards, coins, medals, buttons, comic books, "Annie" memorabilia and old money. Wester will be one of the exhibitors of old money.

He will be showing what he calls the Governor John McLane Collection. Wester bought 25 pieces of banking history — most of the pieces were bank notes (paper bills) — at an auction in June. The pieces belonged to McLane, who was governor of New Hampshire from 1905 to 1907.

Wester mounted 11 of the pieces, including eight notes from The Concord Bank and the Merrimack County Bank in the 1800s, and framed them with a brief biography and picture of McLane.

"This will become part of my Concord collection," he said. When it is complete, he says, he will exhibit it

in local banks.

Wester says he has notes from all but one of Concord's banks between 1807, when the city's first bank opened, and the 1860s, when the federal government — no longer the individual banks — started issuing the paper money. He has exhibited them before, including last year at the Concord library.

Before the government took over (and guaranteed the value of the bills), banks printed and issued their own notes. As a *Monitor* reporter researching banks once wrote, "The people's faith in the bank notes was as strong as their faith in a bank's president, directors and small reserve of coins state law required them to maintain."

If a bank closed — and many did suddenly — its notes were worthless. Now, of course, the notes are collector's items.

Wester is continually on the lookout. He bought notes issued by The Union Bank, which existed in Concord during the 1850s and '60s, from a man who was rewiring a home and found the notes inside a wall.

Wester glowed when he learned on the McLane collection.

"The Gov. McLane collection is the second finest collection to surface from The Concord Bank, New Hampshire's most prestigious bank," he said. (The Concord Bank became the Merrimack County Bank.)

What is the finest collection? The one Wester bought from a dealer who had purchased it at the Upham Walker estate auction in 1979. The estate contained four generations of possessions from two important Concord families, the Uphams and the Walkers.

"I don't expect another collection as fine as these two ever to surface again," Wester said. "But then you never know."

Monitor Columnist

**Tom
Keyser**



Monitor/Tom Keyser

Bob Wester collects all sorts of old money.

I spoke with this gentleman, he knew nothing of death

Coup Leaders To Be Returned To Grenada

ST. GEORGE'S, Grenada (AP) — Two leaders of a violent Marxist coup that prompted the American-led invasion soon will be handed over to the governor general, who wants their actions investigated.

The governor general, Sir Paul Scoon, also said he will appoint a non-political "government of technocrats" early next week to run Grenada until elections, which may not be held for a year.

A U.S. congressional delegation arrived today to begin a two-day fact-finding tour of this small Caribbean island nation, and expelled Soviet bloc and Libyan diplomats were headed back to their homelands.

Charles Gillespie, a State Department official based in Grenada, said Deputy Prime Minister Bernard Coard and Gen. Hudson Austin, leaders of the coup in which Prime Minister Maurice Bishop was killed on Oct. 19, would be turned over to Scoon in a day or two.

The coup precipitated the U.S.-led invasion of Grenada on Oct. 25. Supporters of Bishop, a leftist, said he was ousted by government factions who favored an even more hardline Marxist policy.

Coard and Austin were captured last weekend after evading U.S. forces for several days, and since have been in custody on the American helicopter aircraft carrier Saipan off the coast, Gillespie said yesterday.

Scoon, who is considered by U.S. officials to be the legitimate authority in Grenada, has the power to detain people suspected of violating Grenadian law, according to State Department officials. He has indicated he may try those responsible for Bishop's death.

Scoon said yesterday an investigative commission was needed to examine events in Grenada during the last several weeks.

"The Grenadian people must know exactly why a prime minister could be killed under house arrest and why a prime minister was killed in the presence of his people," he said.

Scoon said he will appoint a transitional government by next Tuesday or Wednesday — "certainly not later."

"We are not having politicians on this government," he said. "We will have a government of technocrats. I am looking

for Grenadians of ability, integrity, knowledge and skill."

He said elections may not be held until this time next year because it could take that long to set up a bureaucracy to oversee voter registration and balloting.

The elections would be open to all political groups. "Any Grenadian, as long as he does not have a criminal record, will be allowed to take part," Scoon said. "We are going to go directly according to our constitution."

Grenada, a former British colony and still part of the British Commonwealth, has had only one election since it became an independent nation in 1974. Sir Eric Gairy, elected prime minister in 1976, was ousted in 1979 by Bishop's New Jewel Movement in a bloodless coup.

Sixteen Libyans, including four diplomats, flew from Grenada to London aboard a U.S. military plane yesterday. They were the first diplomats to leave the island since Scoon on Tuesday ordered the Soviet and Libyan embassies here closed and said Cuba could keep only one person at its embassy.

The Soviets had prepared to leave, U.S. military transport officials said in Barbados. But the details of their departure were not disclosed.

Also, 37 Cubans remained under house arrest in their embassy, refusing to leave Grenada until their estimated 600 countrymen being held prisoner are released, too.

Gillespie said officials hoped the Cuban prisoners would be evacuated this weekend. In Havana, it was reported that a British ship is heading for Grenada to return the prisoners to Cuba. The U.S. already has repatriated 57 wounded Cubans and 10 Cuban medical personnel.

About 1,800 members of the Army's 82nd Airborne Division were being flown back to Fort Bragg, N.C., today as a group of U.S. congressmen flew in from Washington for a fact-finding tour.

The White House said there were 5,980 U.S. troops on Grenada yesterday. Some 700 army rangers and 1,900 Marines in the original invasion force already had departed.

Reagan Attends Service For Soldiers

CHERRY POINT, N.C. (AP) — President Reagan, who came to this Marine air base to honor American servicemen killed in Lebanon and Grenada, said today he is prepared to use force again "to prevent humankind from drowning in a sea of tyranny."

America's responsibility to preserve and pass on liberty "is not without cost," Reagan told Marines and their families. "But let no terrorist question our will, no tyrant doubt our resolve. Americans have courage and determination, and we must not and will not be intimidated — by anyone, anywhere."

Before delivering his brief address at the Cherry Point Marine Corps Air Station, Reagan and his wife, Nancy, attended a memorial service for the dead servicemen at nearby Camp Lejeune, a short helicopter trip away. Joining them were the ambassadors of Lebanon and the United States' European partners in the international peacekeeping force in Beirut.

Camp Lejeune is the home base of the 24th Marine Amphibious Unit, which counted among its members nearly all the 230 men killed in the suicide truck bomb-

"I came here today to pay homage to the heroes of Lebanon and Grenada," Reagan said. "We grieve along with the families of these brave, proud Americans who have given their lives for their country and for the preservation of peace."

But he warned, "If this country is to remain a force for good in the world, we will face times like these, times of sadness and loss. But, in such times we must draw together and console ourselves with the understanding that our country stands tall among nations and is carrying a heavy responsibility."

"America seeks no new territory," Reagan insisted, "nor do we wish to dominate others. Yet we commit our resources and risk the lives of those in our armed forces to rescue others from bloodshed and turmoil and to prevent humankind from drowning in a sea of tyranny."

Defending his decision to send Marines and paratroopers into Grenada last week, Reagan said, "With 1,000 Americans, including 800 students, on that island, we weren't about to wait for the Iran crisis to repeat itself," a reference to the seizure of American Embassy personnel in Tehran in 1979.

he announced it, he insisted today, "This was no invasion; it was a rescue mission."

He added, "Our brave Marines, soldiers and special forces — including the truly gallant Navy seals — were not just coming to the aid of our students. I hope every American will be able to hear the stories of the political prisoners who have been freed" following the overthrow of the leftist military council that had seized power in Grenada.

"Our hearts go out to the families of brave men we honor today," Reagan said. "Let us close ranks with them in tribute to our fallen heroes, their loved ones, who gave more than can ever be repaid. They now are part of the soul of this great country and will live as long as our liberty shines as a beacon of hope to all those who long for freedom and a better world."

The dead from the Beirut explosion, as well as the bodies of the 18 Americans killed in last week's invasion of the Caribbean island of Grenada, still are being ferried back to the United States and returned to their hometowns for burial. More

BOMBING

(Continued From Page 1)

The head of the civil defense unit here said more than 20 men were rescued alive. About five bodies were seen being removed, some of them civilians.

Timur Goksel, spokesman for the U.N. Interim Forces in Lebanon, said shortly after the blast that he knew of 10 civilians and four Lebanese soldiers wounded.

U.S. Undersecretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger, who was in Israel when the blast occurred, said, "Israel has our deepest sympathy and condolences. It is an event which we have experienced ourselves very recently."

Israeli hospitals in northern Israel went on an emergency footing as helicopters flew in the wounded. Sophisticated rescue equipment developed after the collapse of an army building in Tyre a year ago was rushed to the scene. It included trained dogs and inflatable mattresses to lift heavy debris.

Last year's building collapse, which killed 76 Israelis and 14 Lebanese, was ruled to be an accident caused by an explosion of leaking gas.

The army placed Tyre, a Mediterranean town of 40,000, under a three-day curfew and closed the bridges across the Awali

Weather

The Forecast For 7 a.m. EST
Saturday, November 5
• Low Temperatures

Rain [diagonal lines] Snow [dots]
Showers [wavy lines] Flurries [asterisks]



National Weather Service
NOAA, U.S. Dept. of Commerce
Fronts: Cold [line with triangles] Warm [line with semicircles] Occluded [line with alternating triangles and semicircles] Stationary [line with alternating triangles and semicircles]

The Forecast

Occasional rain this afternoon, highs in the upper 40s. Rain and drizzle tonight, lows in the upper 30s. Rain and drizzle tomorrow, highs 40 to 45 (4 to 7 C). Northeasterly winds 10 to 20 mph (16 to 32 kph) this afternoon and tonight.

Local Data

Highest temp. yesterday, 57 (14 C)
Lowest temp. this morning, 45 (7 C)
Mean temp. yesterday, 47 (8 C)
Normal mean temp. today, 42 (6 C)
Deficiency in temp. this month, 3
Warmest day this month, 63 (17 C) 1st
Coldest day this month, 21 (-6 C) 1st
Comparative temperatures:
Highest yesterday, 71 (22 C) 1936
Lowest today, 15 (-9 C) 1891
Degree Days yesterday, 18 heating
Total precip. yesterday, .11
Total precip. this month, .11
Deficiency of precip. this month, .22
Sunrise tomorrow, 6:26 a.m.
Sunset tomorrow, 4:33 p.m.
Length of day, 10 hours, 7 minutes
Phase of moon, first on the 12th
Portsmouth tides tomorrow
High, 10:57 a.m., 11:30 p.m.
Low, 4:42 a.m., 5:16 p.m.

The National Weather Service broadcasts weather information continuously at 162.40 on the high frequency FM band.

For The Traveler

Boston area — Tonight, cloudy with fog and occasional rain or drizzle. Low around 40. Tomorrow, cloudy with a chance of showers. Highs 45 to 50.

Maine — Occasional rain and drizzle through tomorrow, except rain mixing with some sleet and snow in northern and western sections tonight. Lows tonight in the 30s. Highs tomorrow in the 40s.

Vermont — Rain and snow tonight. Occasional mixed rain and snow tomorrow. Lows 30 to 40 tonight. Highs 35 to 45 tomorrow.

Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut — Occasional rain and drizzle tonight and possibly some wet snow in the Berkshires and northwest hills. Lows from the 30s inland to the mid 40s at the coast. Mostly cloudy and cool with a chance of showers tomorrow. Highs in the 40s.

Extended Outlook

New Hampshire and Maine — Chance of some lingering rain Sunday, except snow possible in higher elevations. Clearing Monday. Fair Tuesday. Highs in the 40s to low 50s. Lows mostly in the 30s.

Vermont — Chance of rain or snow showers Sunday. Highs in the 40s. Lows in the 30s. Clearing Monday. Chance of

Ledgers which belonged to Estes & Lauriat Publishers exist. I am told, a title was listed and sometimes in quotations, at the end of the title, numbers would appear and indicate how many were published.

Sometime, announcement papers of titles exist too! I'll find out about the entire matter perhaps by next fall. The ledgers belong to Rev. Nathaniel Lauriat grandson of Charles Lauriat. I was told the ledgers are at a summer home stored away.

The Manchester Library had an Estes & Lauriat. It was my good fortune to get an Estes & Lauriat a few months ago. I had it rebound $\frac{3}{4}$ leather, expensive but extremely presentable.

I wonder how many E & Lauriat went to libraries? The only two I have come across are both New England libraries. discards or taken out permanently by people.

I have been in touch with Jim Spilman of Colonial Newsletter. We are going to do S. S. Crosby, "The man" plenty of work there, but fun, we will cover the estate and his family too.

I have to tell you of this other book I got Eric.
Its a Dr. Montroville Dickeson American Numismatists
manual 1st "1859" edition.

What is special about this particular book is
that it was from the library of Robert Coulton Davis.
Davis was a pharmacist, as you well know. One of his
labels is glueing an envelope to the inside cover of
the book. Inside the envelope was two news clippings
one on 1804 dollars; another on the "hobby of numismatics."
Also a price list of medals for sale from the U.S. Mint.
a Gwenn & Day laid in and last but not least.

A photograph of Dr. Dickeson standing with
^{american} an Indian in full dress with his peace pipe.
They are both attached (to photographers stands) because
of the long exposures used in those days, ^{to steady them} it would
be my opinion that this photograph is unknown.
I do not know of any other Dr Dickeson photographs
except the steel engraving in the book he wrote.

I made a negative of the photograph it came out beautiful. I'm making a limited number of prints.

This photograph will be a real collectors item I believe.

I'm giving you one of these prints Eric.
You'll love it!

Now its back to Laban.
I'll keep you posted

Best Wishes
Bob Wester

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

January 27, 1984

Mr. Robert Wester
54 High Street
Suncook, NH 03275

Dear Bob:

Your lovely letter of November 9, 1983 has gone unanswered because my wife and I were in Asia.

I sincerely appreciate your information about Bow in New Hampshire and how difficult it is to find information concerning Laban Heath.

It was very thoughtful for you to write your satisfaction with my revised introduction to Crosby. The 1878 edition certainly is rare. You are really becoming a devoted numismatic researcher and your ability to find new items seems to have no limits. I would certainly appreciate a picture of Dickeson if you have made it by now.

Good luck on your further investigation of our friend Mr. Heath.

Cordially,

Eric P. Newman

jah

Robert I. Wester
54 High St. Ext.
Pembroke, N. H. 03275

February 10, 1984

Hi Eric:

Happy New Year!

Quite an impressive photograph
of Dr. Dickeson with his Indian Friend.

It truly gives one a greater
appreciation of the communications
we have today.

We need a major break-through
on Sabon Heath, maybe we will
get lucky soon.

Best Regards
Bob W

June 1st

Hi Eric.

Hope yours fine, I'm busy
and we have too much rain, probably
just as well, then you will have
nice weather when you come to New England.

you spoke of Armstey's bank note
engraving disaster? Series of 1890?

His ideas sound impressive according
to this letter to Pierce. Armstey is
the front runner to a fully engraved
note and he isn't even listed anywhere
in Friedberg's

I know of two other copies of this
work in New England. One rebound missing
a plate and another inscribed or autographed
to Dr. Funch Rochester N. Y.

Hope to see you in
Massachusetts on June 13th

Best Wishes
Bob Wester

efforts to prevent it. This is all owing to the patchwork system of constructing the note and the use of dies in the engraving of plates.

My plan is to have a bank note one design or picture, with all the lettering interwoven in it. The whole to be engraved on the plate by the hand of the artist. Without the use of dies a counterfeiter then would be obliged to do the work himself instead of employing others who do not know for what purpose their work is to be used.

Series of 1890
Educational Notes
1891

On turning to page 52 you will learn how a counterfeit plate of a five hundred dollar treasury note was engraved for a counterfeiter by the very engravers who executed the original plates. Such things have frequently occurred - the matter is seriously alarming to every banking man.

Any encouragement which I may receive from you will be gratefully received by

Your most obedient humble ser
W. L. Ormsby

Inside cover inscribed:

Presented to Gen. Franklin Pierce
by his Humble Servant

The Author
W. L. Ormsby

New York Jan 31, 1853

Dear Franklin:

Allow me to present you with a copy of my late work on bank note engraving which explains the cause of the vast amount of counterfeiting in this country. This is the first publication on this subject and is growing daily more important to every person in the community.

I ask permission to call on you at some future time when my plans for constructing bank notes to prevent forgery are mature. That I may have an opportunity of convincing you of the utter insecurity of our present paper money, and of the requisites of legislative action on the subject and at present I will only ask your attention to the important requisites of a bank note, which constitutes its value - there are but two - first that the bank be good - second that the note be genuine. The people lose more by counterfeit money than by broken banks. It is there for of as much importance to the poor people to have the note genuine as it is to have the bank good.

It is my object and aim to instruct the people in the art of bank note engraving to the end, that our general banking laws be amended so that they shall define no less particularly the manner in which a note must be engraved than the manner in which the bank must be organized.

Many of the counterfeit bills in circulation are absolutely the work of the original engravers. Counterfeiters obtain their work in spite of their utmost

New York Jan 31 1833

Dear Sir:

Allow me to present you with a copy of my late work on Bank note engraving which will explain the cause of the vast amount of counterfeiting in this country. This is the first publication on this subject, and it is daily growing more and more important to every person in the community. I beg permission to call on you, at some future time, when my plans for constructing bank notes to prevent forging, are mature, that I may have an opportunity of convincing you of the utter insecurity of our present paper money, and of the necessity of Legislative action on the subject. At present I will only ask your attention to the important requisites of a Bank note, which constitute its value — there are but two — first that the Bank be good — second that the note be genuine. The people lose more by counterfeit money than by broken banks. It is therefore of as much importance to the poor people to have the note genuine, as it is to have the Bank good. It is my object and aim to instruct the people in the art of Bank note engraving, to the end that our General

Banking, Laws, may be amended,
so that they should define no less
particularly the manner in which a note
must be engraved than the manner in
which the Bank must be organized.

Many of the counterfeit bills in circulation
are absolutely the work of the original engravers.
Counterfeiters obtain their work in spite of their
almost efforts to prevent it. - This is all owing to
the patch work system of constructing the note and the
use of dis in the engraving of plates.

My plan is to have a bank note one design
or picture, with all the lettering interwoven in it. The whole
to be engraved on the plate by the hand of the artist,
^{without the use of dis.}
A counterfeiter then would be obliged to do the work
himself instead of employing others, who do not know
for what purpose their work is to be used.

On turning to page 52 you will learn
how a counterfeit plate of a five hundred
dollar Treasury note was engraved for a
counterfeiter by the very engravers who execute
the original plates! Such things have frequently
occurred - The matter is seriously alarming to
every business man.

Any encouragement which I may
receive from you will be gratefully received
by

To Gen. Frank. Pierce..

Your most obedient humble St.

W. L. Burleigh

Cal Wilson
Fine Numismatic Literature
38228 Glenmoor Drive
Fremont, California 94536
(415) 792-4133

January 6, 1985

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63105

Dear Eric:

It was a pleasure talking with you this morning, and thank you again for the bid on lot 113.

I will list below the names and addresses of those collectors, known by me, who actively collect Heath counterfeit detectors. I am confident that each of these gentlemen will be more than happy to assist you in your project, and will share any pertinent information they possess.

- 10 K15 ✓ Mr. Erwin E. Brauer, 712 Kingsley St., Normal, IL 61761 *restaurant coin dealer 309-452-1047 works in evening 309-452-2217 residence*
- ✓ Mr. Tom Denly, 140 Federal St., Boston, MA 02110
- ✓ Mr. Bill Acker, P. O. Box 221, Henderson, TX 75652 *Kilgore 214-984-4965*
- Mr. Alan Meghrig, 24921 Buckskin Dr., Laguna Hills, CA 92653 *711*

In addition, of course, are our friends Champa and Wester, who probably can offer some insight into the subject.

If I can be of any further service, please feel free to call on me at any time.

Warmest Regards,

Cal Wilson
Cal Wilson

Cal Wilson
Fine Numismatic Literature
38228 Glenmoor Drive
Fremont, California 94536
(415) 792-4133

January 6, 1985

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63105

Dear Eric:

It was a pleasure talking with you this morning, and thank you again for the bid on lot 113.

I will list below the names and addresses of those collectors, known by me, who actively collect Heath counterfeit detectors. I am confident that each of these gentlemen will be more than happy to assist you in your project, and will share any pertinent information they possess.

Mr. Erwin E. Brauer, 712 Kingsley St., Normal, IL 61761

Mr. Tom Denly, 140 Federal St., Boston, MA 02110

Mr. Bill Acker, P. O. Box 221, Henderson, TX 75652

Mr. Alan Meghrig, 24921 Buckskin Dr., Laguna Hills, CA 92653

In addition, of course, are our friends Champa and Wester, who probably can offer some insight into the subject.

If I can be of any further service, please feel free to call on me at any time.

Warmest Regards,


Cal Wilson

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

1/29/85

Dr. Jack Vorheis

You are to be congratulated for the report of the Heath matters in the Essay Proof Journal #164. This is an antecedent of tremendous interest to me and to others.

I happen to be working on a bibliographical study of Heath's Detectors and your find is a most logical beginning. Do you know anything about A. S. Gear? He apparently taught Heath and I am checking to see if Gear was the man involved in the Association for the Suppression of Counterfeits which published reports in New England for many years. I will check my library which has about one dozen such reports.

I do wish to point out that I believe the statement in lines 1 and 2 of page 169 is in my opinion in error as Mr Heath was referring to his own publications of 1864 and thereafter as selling 25,000 copies. He, as you know, listed on his books 2nd thous 3rd thous 10th thous, 14th thous, 17th thous etc. Perhaps Barbara Mueller could correct the comment.

The surprise to me is in the Introduction on p. 170 where there is a reference to "currency of the United States of America" as distinguished from bank currency. Since United States of America had no currency until the Demand Notes of 1861 I wonder if the date 1860 on the title was prepared early than the balance of the text.

If your photo grapher ^{could send} or a photo stat of the balance of your pamphlet could be sent to me the fun I could have would be immense. Naturally I would not anticipate your use of it in your continuation of the article.

I look forward to hearing from you and would appreciate your residence telephone number so that we might chat about the matter.

My congratulations and regards.

Eric P. Newman

Letter sent through
Courtesy of
Barbara Mueller
2015 Fischer Ave
Jefferson, Wis 53549.

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

1/31/85

Bob Wester

Dear Bob:

Enclosed is an exciting new clue to the Heath matter. You may have seen it already, but I wanted to be sure you were aware of it.

This shows that in 1860 more or less. Heath was in Portland, Maine. It may be possible to see if there is a directory of Portland or that area of Maine or some other publication or record showing where he was and what he was doing. Can you give this a little thought to see where it leads). I have written Jack Vorheis but don't know what city he lives in (I wrote the editor).

I certainly hope you are thriving and finding lots of new goodies.

My very best wishes.

Cordially

Eric

JACK M. VORHIES, D.D.S., M.S.

ORTHODONTIST

399 NORTH MADISON AVENUE

GREENWOOD, INDIANA 46142

TELEPHONE (317) 887-1355

Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, MO. 63105

Dear Eric,

April 16, 1985

First an apology is in order in responding, at this late date, to your letter of 1-29-85.

The article appearing in the Essay Proof Journal, although under my name, was authored by Glen Jackson. Although I gave him the material I was surprised to see my name displayed.

The reason for my late answer is that I wanted to see first hand, in detail, the two detectors before I contacted you. I received one copy with Heaths paste on this week.

Now, as to your observations and questions. I agree with you the statement in lines 1 and 2 of page 169 is in error. I discussed this tentatively with Glen in a short telephone conversation I had with him. Heath was referring to his 1864 edition.


In regards to the reference to "Currency of the United States of America" I can only surmise the author was referring to hard currency or possibly to Treasury notes of 1815 which were circulated. As you see by the enclosed xerox copy the opposite page copyright information refers to 1859.

Sorry, but I have not been able to accumulate any information regarding A. S. Gear. Last year I was unsuccessful in purchasing by mailed bid, "The National Bank Note Detector by A. S. Gear 1868". Enclosed please see copy of copy supplied by auctioneer.

I have about 8 hard bound Heath detectors. I notice quite a bit of variation in the different editions. I understand that part of this was due to his difficulty in getting quality plates.

In any event I would be happy to help you with your research. I keep my material at my office for reference. This number is (317) 887-1355. My best free time to talk would be between 5-6 P.M. My residence number is (317) 823-4180.

Best Regards,



Jack M. Vorhies

JMV/map

4/29/85

Mr Randolph Zander
P.O. Box 3013
Alexandria, VA 22302

Dear Randy —

It was a pleasure to talk to you. It cured my arthritis which I don't but should have.

I shall be delighted to help you on securing Russian books from my friend in Tbilisi.

My problem is to locate the order of the Secretary of the Treasury of United States preventing Hoban Heath from using prints from the counterfeit plates for U.S. Notes and for National Bank Notes (which had been seized by the Secret Service) as illustrations in his counterfeit detectors. He was always permitted to use partial elements of notes (U.S.), some of which were blanked out. For some reason after using as many as 5 full counterfeits (on thick paper) in a volume of his detector it came to an end. After 1870 he began reducing the number of counterfeit prints to 1 or 2 and finally in the last of the 1870 editions there were none. The 1873 editions (large and small) had no counterfeits.*

I enclosed title, copyright, and critical text of the 1870 edition and title and copyright of the 1873 edition.

The 1870 edition page 11 has the clue in long hand. I cannot tell when between 1870 and 1873 it was "ordered" as they would not change the text as long as some counterfeits were on hand.

Whether in a letter to Hoban Heath, or to the Secret Service [or to the political friend of Heath (Nehemiah Ordway) which I doubt] I don't know, but such a ruling must have existed. I would like to get the text of it, but need help.

Any suggestions you have would be appreciated
Your devoted researcher

or
6450 CECIL AVE
St. Louis, Mo 63105

ERIC P. NEWMAN
P.O. Box 14020
St. Louis Mo 63178

* the 10th edition copy 1870 (there are no 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th or 9th editions I have ever heard of) is identical to the 3rd edition final state except for p. 11 omissions.

Eric:

May 1 1985

Capt. George Burnham wrote a book on the secret service and counterfeiting which Taban Heath published in 1871. I'm sure you have seen that one.

It had pictures of Heath Detectors on inside covers.

This Det. Mc Watters is similiar, however, less related

Bob

Capt George P. Burnham
American Counterfeiter How
Detected and How Avoided
A.W. Lowery
Boston 1879

May 3rd 1985

Mr. Eric Newman

Hi Eric:

Very interesting report you sent me.

Mr. Jackson seems to be having problems with Mr. Heath and related counterfeit ~~det~~ detectors.

Bought this book last weekend at a flea mkt.

I knew you would get a chuckle over Dect. Mr. Watters.

Having an exhibit in Concord Library on currency reform. What I'm looking for is information on L. Heath.

I'll keep you posted on this

Have fun

Best Regards
Bob Wester

5/9/85

Bob Wester -

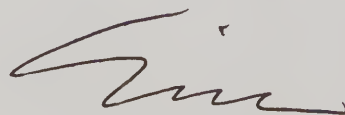
Dear Bob:

Thanks for the McWatters excerpt.

My copy of a book by George P. Burnham
is "American Counterfeits - How Detected and
How Avoided" Published by
A. W. Loring, Boston 1879. It has
a footnote reference to Haban Heath's
microscope on p. 21. It was written in
1872 and revised in 1875 when its
copyright was granted.

I have no recollection of the 1871 book
you refer to. What is the exact title?
Can I get a photocopy of the title page
and the Heath ads. I'd like a copy
of the book if you have one for sale
or know where one is - I assume
you have it already.

Kindest regards



RANDOLPH ZANDER

POST OFFICE BOX 3013

ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22302

17 May 1985

Dear Eric,

Many thanks for your good letter and for the clear statement of the problem. Please forgive me for not reacting as crisply as I should wish to: I've not yet been to town, and have an increasing list of tasks at the Archives, the LoC and the Smithsonian. I shall make time shortly for an Archives reconnaissance and hope to find the needle under the right haystack.

Inclosed is a copy of our frothy little quarterly. It looks innocently simple, but takes a good bit of time, since I do everything, from writing, wheedling, typing, layout, photo screening &c. By the time we have put out, say, 1500 pages of this, admitting that much is ephemeral and a lot is used up by pictures, there should be a tolerable corpus of readily handy information on the Russian field.

In addition, at the moment I am pushing hard to finish my cards for the Russian -English numismatic dictionary which we hope to have out before the end of the year.

It will be good to see you not so very long from now (at the rate times flies for people at our age) in Balto. This will be my first ANA convention in 10 years.

With all good wishes,

Ran -

JACK M. VORHIES, D.D.S., M.S.

ORTHODONTIST

399 NORTH MADISON AVENUE

GREENWOOD, INDIANA 46142

TELEPHONE (317) 887-1355

Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, MO. 63105

Dear Eric,

MAY 18, 1985

As per our telephone conversation, I'm sending a
list of my Heath Cft. Detectors:

1860 - Gear Ed.
1860 - Gear Ed. with Heath paste on.
1864 - 1st. Ed.
1866 - Early 2nd. Ed.
1866 - 2nd. Ed.
1867 - 2nd. Banking & Counting House Ed.
1870 - 3rd. Ed.
1877 or 1878 - 12th. Ed.
1879 - 13th. Banking & Counting House Ed.

I have also enclosed a few Zerox copies with appropriate
(?) comments..or better yet, opinions! Yellow highlites
denotes differences, omissions, or additions between 1864 & 1866
(Introductions)

Best Regards,

Jack

Copy

Jack Vorhies
389 N. Madison Ave
Greenwood, Ind 46142

5/24/85
6450 Ceril Ave
St Louis Mo 63105.

Dear Jack:

I sincerely appreciate your cooperation in sending me the photocopies of your nice ctf detecting items. I have been studying these for years and know of about 50 varieties so far. I note that you have carefully read what you have and note the differences. I have made notes on your items and enclosed them.

I am extremely interested in clarifying the situation as to the Gears. You have two which are identical except for the two paste ons on the one edition. If I am wrong please advise if you have three. I would like to know if the ones with "AT SIGHT" are outside covers with another title inside or otherwise. Is the page with 3 text lines the back cover. Please enlighten me.

I also would like a better photocopy of the AT SIGHT front titles and the three line page. The ones you sent have a smear. That would be helpful to me. If you ever hear of another Gear please let me know.

You will note that Heath picked up his AT SIGHT and INFALLIBLE from Gear as he uses these words in every edition of his.

Excuse handwriting but my secretary is holidaying.

Let's continue to research this fascinating subject.

My kindest regards,

Pocket size

Your Heath 1st edition - a direct printing from the actual ^{type} ~~plates~~. Stereotyped plates were used for the first state, second state, 2nd thous, 3rd, 4th, 7th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 14th & 17th Thous. All states prior to 4th thous have 31 numbered pages. This is the only state without double lined borders. It is the only one which omits "Teache of Counterfeit Detecting" on the title page + is the only state with 20 Washington St as Heath's address. I cannot tell where it falls as it could be printed at any time after the 3rd thous and before the second edition. It was a separate printing of 32 pages exactly like the stereotyped ~~edition~~ states from 4th thru 17th thous.

Your Heath Pocket size 2nd editions have an "Introduction to First Edition" which has been changed from the true introduction to each state of the first edition. He mentions 12 sections instead of 11 as are in the first ^{edition} and refers to his microscopes, as you point out. The July 12, 1866 patent date is an error spread for years + years

Your Heath Pocket size 3rd edition is one of 4 states, but I can't tell without examining the interior

Your 12th edition is, I assume, a pocket size. If it is dated 1878 & copyrighted 1877 it is the second state of the 12th edition as the first is dated 1877 in both places.

Newman Notes.

Large Size 2nd Edition copyr 1866 + 1867. There is no large size 1st edition. There is an early state with copyr 1866 only.

Large Size 13th edition — This adds the 48 Hanover address to the 30 Hanover.

RANDOLPH ZANDER
POST OFFICE BOX 3013
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22302

29 June

Dear Eric,

Your letter is dated two months ago and I've done nothing. This must seem flagrant; but I've never been as jammed with numismatic and family work.

I should like to get to the Archives before ANA time, but it'd be impudent to promise. One thought occurs to me: would a session there, before or after the ANA, hold any appeal to you?

With apologies,

Wf.

Ran.

July 2, 1985

Randolph Zander
P. O. Box 3013
Alexandria, VA 22302

Dear Randy —

Please don't worry about the delay in solving my request. There is no panic. Get to it if you can and whenever you can. Thanks for being so thoughtful in writing me.

I understand the Secy of Treas letter books are indexed so it is possible that it will be easier than reading through many items. I realize the exact year is a problem. Anything you find which relates to Haban Heath would be welcome as well as the instruction about "no more counterfeit" to be printed from the captured plates.

My best + thanks

Sept. 24, 1985

Hi Eric:

Congrats on your 50th anniversary gold medal. Sure takes a long time to chalk up 50 years in the A. N. A.

Quite a convention in Baltimore according to Coin World.

Enclosed are, or what is available at present on Saban Heath. else

I really don't know what I'm going to find unless its right under my very nose.

Bachelor Party, Narwhal Bulls

Best Wishes
Bob Wester

Nature gives to every time and season
some beauties of its own.

Dec 30 - 85

Hi Eric:

Happy New Year!

Wishing you and your family
many more!

Well - I finally located
an 1872 copy of Burnham's -
Secret Service - published
by Fabian Heath.

A really didn't expect
to locate one. I'm going to
have it reconditioned. From
what I understand all the
Burnham books seem to be
well worn and used.

MEMOIRS
—OF THE—
UNITED STATES
SECRET SERVICE.

[COMPILED BY PERMISSION, FROM THE DEPARTMENT RECORDS.]

WITH ACCURATE PORTRAITS OF
PROMINENT MEMBERS OF THE DETECTIVE FORCE,
SOME OF THEIR MOST NOTABLE CAPTURES,
AND A BRIEF ACCOUNT OF THE LIFE OF
COL. H. C. WHITLEY, CHIEF OF THE DIVISION.

BY CAPT. GEO. P. BURNHAM,
(LATE BRIGADE COMMISSARY, U. S. A.)

"WRONG is wrong. No fallacy can hide it, no subterfuge cover it so shrewdly
but that the All-seeing Eye will discover and punish it."

RECORDED



Eighteen Illustrations by Briggs & Conant.

BOSTON:
LABAN HEATH, 30 HANOVER STREET.

1872.

"I recall telling you of an advertisement tipped in. I believe they were removed from some of the books.

I have this photostat-but was told they were printed on colored paper-even purple.

I thought that was different, color coded for shipment of books, to different parts of the country, it seems?

Now we have to locate a circular that "he states," to send for.

Have fun
Best Wishes
Bob Wester



— AT SIGHT —
By Authority
FROM THE
UNITED STATES TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

Banking & Counting House Edition

Also, "Pocket," and "Household Edition." Address, Laban Heath, 30 Hanover St., Boston.

— SEND FOR CIRCULAR. —

Mercantile
Trust
Company N.A.

8th and Locust
P.O. Box 524
St. Louis, Mo. 63168
~~314-425-2525~~
8 January 1986

**MERCANTILE
BANK**

MONEY MUSEUM

William F. Sherman
The U.S. National Archives
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Sherman:

On 2 January 1986 I became the curator of The Mercantile Money Museum. For Eric Newman, whose collection is on display, I am seeking the following information.

The handwritten notation on p. 11 of the enclosed, "Taken out by order of Sec. of Trs." refers to the previous use of counterfeit plates. The third, revised edition of Heath could have been printed as late as 1873.

Is there a printed document or directive in which the Secretary of the Treasury issued such an order? Or, perhaps this order might be found in some correspondence sent from the U.S. Treasury Department. Subjects of Heath or Counterfeits in the annual correspondence index might yield something.

As I recall, the policy is to charge by the hour for such a search; this I explained to Mr. Newman. He is aware that it might take a minimum of three hours to locate this information.

Please give my warmest regards to Terry and the other members of your department. I look forward to hearing from you at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Gene Hessler
Curator

National Archives



Washington, DC 20408

Date : January 27, 1986
Reply to :
Attn of :
Subject : Illustrations of counterfeit notes
To :

202-523-3119

Mr. Gene Hessler
Curator, Money Museum
Mercantile Bank
Post Office Box 524
St. Louis, MO 63166

Congratulations on your new position. It was good to hear from you again.

Records of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing (RTecord Group 318) include several documents on the Laban Heath Counterfeit Detector that may interest Mr. Newman. These include approval of the Secretary of the Treasury for making illustrations for Heath (June 1871), complaints of the quality of work done on the illustrations by the Bureau, and a report of a special committee agreeing that many of the copies were not usable. A letter of August 12, 1873, from the Bureau denied a request from Heath (subject not specified) "pending further legislation on the subject".

We can furnish copies of these documents for the prices shown on the enclosed form. We did not find a Treasury order cancelling permission to illustrate the Counterfeit Detector. Such an order may have been prepared for the Secretary's signature by the Secret Service, and filed with its records (Record Group 87). I have sent a copy of your letter to our General Branch, which now has custody of these records, for further reply.

The National Archives does not charge for research done by its staff. Fees are, however, charged by professional researchers hired by inquirers.

William F. Sherman

WILLIAM F. SHERMAN
Judicial, Fiscal, and Social Branch
Civil Archives Division

Enclosure

QUOTATION FOR REPRODUCTION SERVICES	PREPARED BY William F. Sherman	DATE PREPARED 1-28-86
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PAYMENT MADE BY (check the boxes that apply to your order) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CHECK <input type="checkbox"/> MONEY ORDER <input type="checkbox"/> DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. _____ <input type="checkbox"/> PURCHASE ORDER NO. _____ (attach copy of purchase order)	BRANCH SYMBOL NNFJ
		ORGANIZATION CODE
		NJC Use
		AMOUNT ENCLOSED

INSTRUCTIONS: Please complete the boxes marked with an arrow 1. Check the box next to each item you wish to order and calculate the cost. If a choice of services is available for an item, circle the type of reproduction you desire. Prepayment is required unless prior approval is obtained for a purchase order. DO NOT MAIL THIS. Make your check or money order payable to NATIONAL ARCHIVES TRUST FUND. Mail your payment and this form in the closed envelope to CASHIER (NJC), NATIONAL ARCHIVES TRUST FUND, WASHINGTON, DC 20408	BILL TO PLEASE PROVIDE COMPLETE NAME AND ADDRESS	SHIP TO ERIC P. NEWMAN Mercantile Money Museum Box 524 8th & Locust St. Louis, MO 63166
---	---	---

DESCRIPTION OF RECORDS (Check the items you wish to order)	QUANTITY	REPRODUCTION SERVICE AVAILABLE (Services described below)						COST (Unit prices listed below)
		A	B	C	D	E	F	
RG 318: Bureau of Engraving and Printing Letters Received, 1871								
1. 4-28-71 from Heath (p. 498)	1 page							
2. 5-22-71 (p. 499)	1 page							
3. 5-25-71 (p. 500-01)	2 pages							
4. 6-2-71 (p. 502)	1 page							
Letters Sent, 1871								
1. 5-18-71 re impressions (p. 729)	1 page							
2. 6-5-71 (p. 730)	1 page							
3. 2-5-71 (p. 894)	1 page							
4. 11-26-71 (p. 1201-2)	3 pages							
Letters Received, 1872								
1. 2-9-72 from Secret Service (p. 384-5)	2 pages							
2; 3- -72 Petition p 388	1 page							
Letters Sent, 1872								
1. 1-10-72 to Cont. BNCo re: Heath (p. 302-3)	2 pages							
Letters Received, 1873								
1. May 1873 to Sec. Treas. (p. 350-53)	4 pages							
2. 7-30-73 (p. 354-55)	4 pages							
3. 7-29-73 Committee report (p. 357-58)	2 pages							

EASE NOTE: The minimum order is \$5.00.	TOTAL COST	\$9.45
---	------------	--------

Use this chart to select the service you wish to order. Prices are listed on the right.

Page counts are estimates only. Any adjustments to the total price will be made after the work is completed. The price per item is in effect at the time of this quotation. As these prices are subject to change, this quotation will be honored for 60 days from DATE PREPARED as noted above.	CODE	DESCRIPTION OF REPRODUCTION SERVICES AVAILABLE	UNIT PRICE
	A	35mm PLANETARY MICROFILM FROM ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS	\$.30 per Frame
	B	ELECTROSTATIC COPY - 8 1/2" x 11", 8 1/2" x 14", or 11" x 17"	\$.35 per Page
	C	OTHER (specify)	
	D	OTHER (specify)	
	E	OTHER (specify)	
	F	OTHER (specify)	

PLEASE NOTE: The minimum order is \$5.00.

TOTAL COST	\$9.45
------------	--------

pe counts are estimates only.
ly adjustments to the total price
H be made after the work is
mpleted. The price per item is
a fee in effect at the time of this
otation. As these prices are
blect to change, this quotation
H be honored for 60 days from
DATE PREPARED as noted
ore.

NATIONAL ARCHIVES TRUST FUND BOARD

Cal Wilson
Fine Numismatic Literature
38228 Glenmoor Drive
Fremont, California 94536
(415) 792-4133

January 14, 1986

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63105

Dear Eric:

During the San Jose Convention last weekend, John Bergman of Lakewood, California, gave me the enclosed listing of Heath Detectors. I was not aware that John was doing any research into these pieces, and the information contained in this list is of little consequence; but, I thought you might like to contact John to determine what additional data he might be able to provide. I told him of your effort in this regard, and he is willing to share any information you may need.

He may be contacted at 4223 Iroquois Ave., Lakewood, CA 90713.

As I discover others who might be able to provide pertinent details on the subject, I will let you know.

Best Regards,


Cal Wilson, NLG

National Archives



Washington, DC 20408

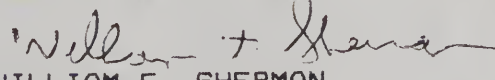
Date : January 27, 1986
Reply to :
Attn of :
Subject : Illustrations of counterfeit notes
To :
Mr. Gene Hessler
Curator, Money Museum
Mercantile Bank
Post Office Box 524
St. Louis, MO 63166

Congratulations on your new position. It was good to hear from you again.

Records of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing (RTecord Group 318) include several documents on the Laban Heath Counterfeit Detector that may interest Mr. Newman. These include approval of the Secretary of the Treasury for making illustrations for Heath (June 1871), complaints of the quality of work done on the illustrations by the Bureau, and a report of a special committee agreeing that many of the copies were not usable. A letter of August 12, 1873, from the Bureau denied a request from Heath (subject not specified) "pending further legislation on the subject".

We can furnish copies of these documents for the prices shown on the enclosed form. We did not find a Treasury order cancelling permission to illustrate the Counterfeit Detector. Such an order may have been prepared for the Secretary's signature by the Secret Service, and filed with its records (Record Group 87). I have sent a copy of your letter to our General Branch, which now has custody of these records, for further reply.

The National Archives does not charge for research done by its staff. Fees are, however, charged by professional researchers hired by inquirers.


WILLIAM F. SHERMAN
Judicial, Fiscal, and Social Branch
Civil Archives Division

Enclosure

PACKING SLIP

P.O. NO./D.A. NO./CDNO.

100-330000 2-21-80

SERVICE ORDER NO.

30000172

BILL TO

86702613-NMF / 867026
Eric P. Thomson
Memphis 16 Henry Museum
Box 504 315 & Woodl
St. Louis MO
63106

SHIP TO

86702613-NMF / 867026
Eric P. Thomson
Memphis 16 Henry Museum
Box 504 315 & Woodl
St. Louis MO
63106

THIS IS NOT AN INVOICE

DATE SHIPPED

9.10.80

DESCRIPTION

UNITS

SUBJECT CODE

317. Selected Letters Received and Sent, 1872-73

17 pages microfilm, 1/2" x 1/4" tape

REFUND AUTHORIZATION (Signature and date)

REFUND AMOUNT

A refund check will be issued by the U.S. Treasury in the amount noted above. Please allow 6-8 weeks for processing of the refund. Direct any inquiries concerning your refund to CASHIER (NJC), NATIONAL ARCHIVES TRUST FUND, WASHINGTON, DC 20408.

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

1/28/86

John Bergman
4223 Droquois Ave
Lakewood, CA 90713

Dear Mr. Bergman:

Your cooperation in furnishing to
Col Wilson and to me your list of Heath
holdings, with detail as to variety, is most
appreciated.

I tried to telephone you but could
get no number. Will you send your
telephone number and the best times to call
you.

In the meantime I will work up
matters to discuss with you in connection
with these fascinating items.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

Numismatic Literature

Purchased & Sold

4223 Troquois Avenue
Lakewood, California 90713

John F. Bergman

(213) 421-0171

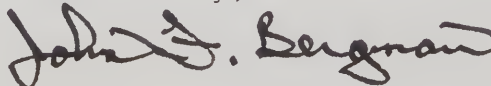
Feb. 9, 1986

Eric P. Newman
Numismatic Education Society
St. Louis, MO 63105

Dear Mr. Newman:

Thank you for your letter regarding my listing of Heath Counterfeit Detectors. Unfortunately, all of the editions I have listed are not in my library. Because of the lack of information and the quantity of misinformation regarding Heath's Detectors, I decided just recently to record the pertinent information on the contents of each Heath detector encountered in order to better ascertain what had been published. The list you have represents this meager beginning. As you will note from the listing, many titles are lacking. On one occasion I was so intent on recording the plates and pages that I neglected to record the exact title as it appeared on the title page. Any help you could give in filling in some of the information would of course be greatly appreciated. This might be best accomplished by mail, however I am generally available by phone in the evenings after 5PM Pacific Time and all day on the weekends. (213) 421-0171 Looking forward to hearing from you, I am

Yours Truly,



John F. Bergman

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

February 11, 1986

Mr. John Bergman
4223 Iroquois Avenue
Lakewood, CA 90713

Dear Mr. Bergman:

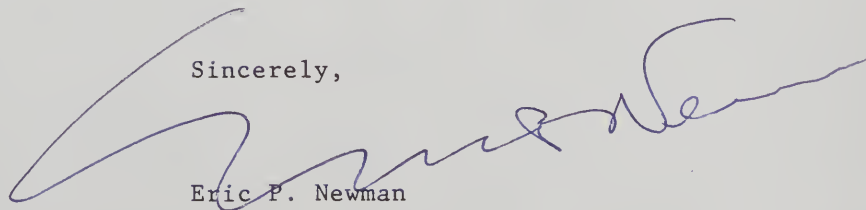
I have carefully studied the details you furnished with respect to Heath detectors and thank you again for letting me have a copy. I have prepared a form which asks a number of more technical questions with respect to Heaths and I am sending you a few copies. I wonder if you would be nice enough to give me further detail on the items I have checked in red on your list as I want to get additional facts with respect to them.

It was very nice for Cal Wilson to give me the names of several collectors of detectors and I hope that this study will make that field more interesting.

Please let me have your telephone number as I might need to call you after the information is assembled in more detail.

My kindest regards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Eric P. Newman", is written over the typed name.

Eric P. Newman

jah

bcc: Cal Wilson

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

*file
Cal Wilson*

February 11, 1986

Mr. John Bergman
4223 Iroquois Avenue
Lakewood, CA 90713

Dear Mr. Bergman:

I have carefully studied the details you furnished with respect to Heath detectors and thank you again for letting me have a copy. I have prepared a form which asks a number of more technical questions with respect to Heaths and I am sending you a few copies. I wonder if you would be nice enough to give me further detail on the items I have checked in red on your list as I want to get additional facts with respect to them.

It was very nice for Cal Wilson to give me the names of several collectors of detectors and I hope that this study will make that field more interesting.

Please let me have your telephone number as I might need to call you after the information is assembled in more detail.

My kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

jah

bcc: Cal Wilson

file



ERWIN E. BRAUER

RARE COINS AND ANTIQUES



712 Kingsley Street
Normal, Illinois 61761
(309) 452-2217

February 18, 1986

Eric P. Newman
P.O. Box 14020
St. Louis, MO 63178

Dear Mr. Newman:

It was a pleasure to hear from you recently about your research on the Heath Counterfeit Detectors. I have filled out forms for the small but choice selection which I have put together. At present, I do not have time to list separately the specific content of each plate except a few places where I made notes. If really necessary, I could complete the task, but I do not think that I have anything unusual on the plates.

I have a great deal of research underway on George W. Casilear since I have patent material of his. You probably know that he was a government engraver and that his brother was involved with the American Bank Note Company. George seems to have been a bit of a huckster like Heath. He did patent many ideas, some of which were actually used on U.S. paper money.

Also included for your information are copies of some of my patent records that may be of use to you.

A friend of mine, Bob Rozycki of Sycamore Coin Gallery, 358 W. State Street, Sycamore, IL 60178 usually has about 10 Heath's in stock if you would care to contact him about participating in your survey.

If you have any other questions or comments, please contact me, or send me your phone number so I can call you. There are some questions which come to mind at the present time. I'll continue on the next page.

The detectors mention a Descriptive Pamphlet printed in red and black. Have you ever seen this item?

How rare is the Beazell plate pasted-in some of the detectors? Did Beazell also have a book?

The M. W. Johnson at Heath's address written in one of my books, do know anything about him?

How rare do you consider Heath's Government Bond Counterfeit Detector, and do you know of any for sale?

How rare are the folded counterfeit National Bank Notes that are in some of the Heath's?


I would like to know more about the Fractional Currency model which you mentioned since patents are my specialty. Is this the Gault encased postage? There are several different ones of those around. Or is it the paper fractional currency?

Any interesting information on George W. Casilear other than what is found in Heath?

I have found the later editions of Heath in the pocket edition difficult to find. Know of any for sale?

That's about it for now.

Sincerely,


Erwin E. Brauer

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

February 25, 1986

Mr. Erwin E. Brauer
712 Kingsley Street
Normal, IL 61761

Dear Mr. Brauer:

Thank you for being so cooperative and so prompt. I do appreciate your information as well as your inquiries. The enclosures you sent did add to my data.

As to Casilear (either of them) I have only modest knowledge. Have you checked the Essay Proof Journal? If you have not, I will. I have checked the Scrapbook Index and the Numismatist indices. I will check the American Numismatic Society card catalog and enclose anything I find.

I will contact Rozycki and send him forms to fill in.

My telephone at home is 314-727-0850. At the office it is 314-331-6540.

The Heath pamphlet you referred to is advertised from about 1873 to 1887. I think it is his description of various U. S. issues outstanding in 1869. I enclose a photocopy of key pages. It is rare. It probably did not sell well because there was nothing worth while in it. It is red and black print.

Beazell did write a pamphlet and people tore out the plate. I have a pamphlet with the plate removed. Two others I know have the plate and no pamphlet. I need the plate to paste into mine. Would you like to exchange your 17th Thous. with the plate for a late pocket edition, assuming I can remove the plate without damage to either.

I do not know of M. W. Johnson, but Heath had to have a Boston assistant as he was in Washington often.

The Bond Detector is popular and scarce. If you want the one personally, let me know and I will inquire.

The folded counterfeits in pocket editions of Heath are only in the middle group of the third edition. Thus, they are not plentiful, but should not be considered rare.

The fractional currency patent model is a tin box with separate compartments for paper postage currency and for postage stamps.

The thick paper Heath advertisement is only in the 1866 copyrighted and 1867 copyrighted banking house second editions. A new engraving (differing from the paste in of the pocket type) was made with new text on the lower

Mr. Erwin E. Brauer
February 25, 1986
Page 2 -

portion and it had a plate number put on. This was for the banking editions and I believe the plate number was an error. This error was corrected at first by punching a hole through the card, but the plate number was polished off the plate for the later printing of the second editions of the banking house size.

The Hoag patent was used by Fairbanks and I have a scale of that type with only one balancing bar, not two as shown in the patent.

I am sure you realize how complex this Heath matter is. It's fun.

I hope I have been helpful.

Sincerely yours,

Eric P. Newman

jah

Encl.

National Archives



Washington, DC 20408

Date : March 10, 1986
Reply to :
Attn of : NNFJ86F-1466-TFM
Subject : Reproductions

To : Eric P. Newman
Mercantile Money Museum
Box 524, 8th & Locust
St. Louis, MO 63166

You will find an answer to your inquiry in the statement(s) checked below.

1. ☐ The enclosed information will help answer your recent inquiry.
2. ☒ The material you ordered ☒ is enclosed ☐ will be mailed in about weeks.
3. ☐ Your order costs \$.
4. ☐ Your refund of \$ will be sent by Treasury check in 6-8 weeks.

5. ☐ Sincerely,

TERESA F. MATCHETTE
Judicial, Fiscal, and Social Branch
Civil Archives Division

~~Mercantile~~
~~Trust~~
~~Company N.A.~~

8th and Locust
P.O. Box 524
St. Louis, Mo. 63166
314-~~425-2525~~
421-1819

**MERCANTILE
BANK**

MONEY MUSEUM
11 March 1986

William F. Sherman
Judicial, Fiscal and Social Branch
The National Archives
Washington, D.C. 20408

Dear Mr. Sherman:


At your request, the General Branch notified us that there was nothing in Record Group 87 that applied to Laban Heath.

While we are waiting for photocopies of those pages that you kindly listed, Mr Newman would be grateful if you pursued the inquiry one step further.

At your convenience, please check the correspondence related to Heath after 1873; you need not look past 1887. In fact, Heath's name will probably disappear before that date.

Thank you again for your valuable assistance.

Sincerely,


Gene Hessler
Curator

Mr. Eric Newnan

March 17th 1986

Hi Eric!

Passed out your sheets to 3 people and told them to record and send along to you.

Got this listing of Collins.

The thoughts I had on 13th + 15th less published due to "ending of obsolescence" I have only seen the 2 I have and feel fortunate to own them.

Roosevelt signature seems and looks O.K. He was involved with St. Guadalupe and coinage. At any rate this detector is really magnificent.

A man told me he had an 1892 Heath, I told him impossible - send me photostat and I'll become a believer

I'll be sending more Heath slips along when I finish with them

Best Regards
Bob

I know your really having an exciting time with F. Heath!

Eric: my Ormsby is the finest and most important known nationally. I can now sell in 5 figures, but don't want to.

- 384 Fractional Currency. Regular Issues, Uniface Specimens of Adopted Types, Uniface Wide Margin Proofs, Essays, Experimental Pieces. Lester Merkin. *List #4*, New York, New York, 1963. 8vo. 18 pp., few halftone illustrations. Printed green card covers. Fine. (10.)

- 385 The Encyclopedia of United States Fractional & Postal Currency. Milton R. Friedberg. Numismatic and Antiquarian Service Corporation of America, Rockville Centre, New York, 1978. Small 4to. x, 158 pp., halftone illustrations in the text. Printed yellow card covers. As new. (25.)

- 386 ——— *Similar*. The Encyclopedia of United States Fractional & Postal Currency. Milton R. Friedberg. Numismatic and Antiquarian Service Corporation of America, Rockville Centre, New York, 1978. Small 4to. x, 158 pp., halftone illustrations in the text. Printed tan cloth. As new. (50.)

Laid in is the 1978 *Price Guide*, folded vertically. One of only 300 bound.

- 387 ——— *Similar*. The Encyclopedia of United States Fractional & Postal Currency. Milton R. Friedberg. Numismatic and Antiquarian Service Corporation of America, Rockville Centre, New York, 1978. Small 4to. x, 158 pp., halftone illustrations in the text. Interleaved edition, the extra pages composed of graph paper. Blue and gray cloth, gilt. As new. (150.)

This is one of only 56 copies sold of exactly 101 deluxe copies bound, originally issued at \$100. Laid in is the 1978 *Price Guide*, folded vertically.

The Largest Offering of
Heath's Counterfeit Detectors
to ever be sold at public auction

- 388 Heath's Infallible Counterfeit Detector At Sight. Pocket Edition. Laban Heath. Boston, Massachusetts, 1864. 16mo. 32 pp., 10 engraved plates [8 numbered, tissue interleaved; 2 folded banknote plates]. First edition [seventeenth thousand]. Original embossed maroon cloth, gilt. Very good, covers faded; signature of a former owner on first and last fly pages. *Clain-Stefanelli 3693*, *Sigler 1192*. (150.)

- 389 ——— *Similar*. Heath's Greatly Improved and Enlarged Infallible Government Counterfeit Detector, At Sight. Pocket Edition. Laban Heath. Boston, Massachusetts and Washington, D.C., 1866. 16mo. 39 pp., 16 engraved plates [14 tissue interleaved; 2 folded banknote plates]. Second edition. Original embossed dark green cloth, gilt. Fine, minor fray on top of spine. (150.)

- 390 Heath's Greatly Improved and Enlarged Infallible Government Counterfeit Detector. Banking House and Counting Room Edition. Laban Heath. Boston, Massachusetts and Washington, D.C., 1866. Small 4to. 39 pp., engraved frontispiece, 16 finely engraved plates [12 numbered, tissue interleaved]. Second edition. Original embossed maroon cloth, bevelled edges, gilt. Very good, first and last pastedowns and adjacent fly pages mildew stained; first unnumbered plate loose. Formerly in the library of G. M. Bristoll, with his signature on front fly. (175.)

The four unnumbered plates bound in are the \$20. and \$10. National notes [F-424, 409 respectively], the \$10. Demand note of 1861 [F-6], and the \$50. Legal Tender note of 1862 [F-148].

- 391 ——— *Similar*. Heath's Greatly Improved and Enlarged Infallible Government Counterfeit Detector. Banking House and Counting Room Edition. Laban Heath. Boston, Massachusetts and Washington, D.C., 1867. Small 4to. 39 pp., engraved frontispiece, 14 finely engraved plates [12 numbered, all 14 tissue interleaved]. Second edition [second printing]. Original embossed maroon cloth, bevelled edges, gilt. Very good, the lower part of the spine split and chipped. (175.)

In this printing of this edition, the last two plates are engraved illustrations of magnifying lenses patented by Laban Heath.

- 392 Heath's Infallible Counterfeit Detector At Sight. Pocket Edition. Laban Heath. Boston, Massachusetts and Washington, D.C., 1870. 16mo. 40 pp., 14 finely engraved plates [11 numbered], including the two-page fractional currency plate; two pages of engraved illustrations of magnifying lenses in the text. Tenth edition. Original embossed green cloth, gilt. Fine, bit rubbed on the extremities; small ink stain on front cover above the title. (200.)

- 393 ——— *Similar*. Heath's Infallible Counterfeit Detector At Sight. Pocket Edition. Laban Heath. Boston, Massachusetts and Washington, D.C., 1870. 16mo. 40 pp., 11 finely engraved plates [9 numbered, the final plate erroneously numbered as *Plate 17*], including the two-page fractional currency plate; two pages of engraved illustrations of magnifying lenses in the text. Tenth edition. Original embossed green cloth, gilt. Fine, the extremities slightly worn. (150.)

- 394 ——— *Similar*. Heath's Infallible Counterfeit Detector At Sight. Pocket Edition. Laban Heath. Boston, Massachusetts and Washington, D.C., 1873. 16mo. 40 pp., 14 finely engraved plates [11 numbered; the final plate erroneously numbered as *Plate 7*], including the two-page fractional currency plate; two pages of engraved illustrations of magnifying lenses in the text. Eleventh edition. Original embossed green cloth, gilt. Fine. (150.)

- 395 Heath's Greatly Improved and Enlarged Infallible Government Counterfeit Detector, At Sight. Banking House and Counting Room Edition. Laban Heath. Boston, Massachusetts and Washington, D.C., 1873. Small 4to. 41 pp., engraved frontispiece, 11 finely engraved, numbered plates [the fifth plate erroneously numbered as *Plate 4*]. Fourth edition. Original embossed maroon cloth, bevelled edges, gilt. Fine, extremities bit worn, stain on back cover. (175.)

- 396 Heath's Infallible Counterfeit Detector At Sight. Pocket Edition. Illustrated with Proof Impressions from the Original Engraved Government Plates. Laban Heath. [Boston, Massachusetts and Washington, D.C., 1877]. 16mo. 47, [14] pp., engraved title, 10 finely engraved, numbered plates. Twelfth edition. Original embossed maroon cloth, gilt. Fine, extremities bit worn, small library label on spine; corner missing from last free fly. (150.)

- 397 Heath's Infallible Counterfeit Detector At Sight. Banking & Counting House Edition. Laban Heath. Boston, Massachusetts and Washington, D.C., 1877. Small 4to. 38, [2] pp., engraved title, 9 finely engraved, numbered plates. Twelfth edition. Original embossed pastel blue cloth, bevelled edges, gilt. Bookplate of William H. Slingluff inside front cover. Fine, covers somewhat soiled, spine ends chipped. (175.)

- 398 ——— *Similar*. United States Treasury and National Bank Note Detector At Sight. Laban Heath. Boston, Massachusetts and Washington D.C., 1887. Small 4to. 45, [3] pp., engraved title, 11 finely engraved, numbered plates. Thirteenth edition. Original embossed maroon cloth, bevelled edges, gilt. Bookplate of John B. Clement inside the front cover, his signature and date on first fly. Fine, spine worn, chipped at ends. (175.)

398

397

395

391

390



396

394

393

392

389

388

Cw - 2 12/14
 1 - 1/4 This ob
 7 - 1/2 the rare
 8 - 1/2 and most
 13 - 1/4 to exist
 Liberty
 writing
 Inc. by
 Ohio, It
 clearly
 "All
 exist
 text of
 his dis e

MAY - 3 The letter
 e with
 "A
 re low
 disapp
 rejected
 need to
 is over-e

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

March 18, 1986

Mr. William F. Sherman
United States National Archives
Washington, D. C. 20408

Dear Mr. Sherman:

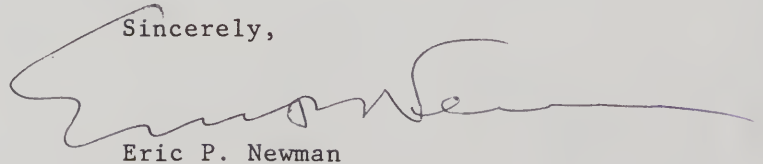
In accordance with our telephone conversation this morning, I am enclosing photocopies of two items you were nice enough to have sent to us at our request, pages 499 and 500 of the letters received 1871 by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. There are portions of these which do not appear on the copies you sent and you may fill in the text or send a better copy.

We would like to order in addition to all documents relating to Laban Heath from 1874 through 1887 those documents which are in the Treasury records, the Bureau of Engraving records or the Secret Service records relating to Laban Heath or to Neahmiah Ordway relating to publication of a counterfeit detector or the bond detector.

In the letter of May 1873, page 351 from Laban Heath & Company to William Richardson, Secretary of the Treasury, it states "...that a provision was put on some appropriation bill last year enacting that no new private work should be done at the Printing Bureau.". That would mean in 1872. Is there any way of determining what appropriation bill that might be?

I am very grateful for your cooperation and am delighted to be on the way to a solution to a complex problem which has been unsolved so far.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Eric P. Newman", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Eric P. Newman

jah

Encl.

Mar 25, 1986

Robert Rozyccki
Sycamore Coin Gallery
358 W. State St.
Sycamore, Ill. 60178.

Dear Mr. Rozyccki:

Erwin E. Brauer was kind enough to suggest that I write you with respect to my research on Heath Counterfeit Detectors. I am doing a study on them in preparation for an extensive article on the subject. He indicated you have a stock of them or a collection of them.

Would you be nice enough to fill in the enclosed form as to each of them. It will be most helpful. If any are for sale please so indicate as I am collecting them by variety and there seems to be no end of variations (not just color of cover).

I would like to have your office and home telephone numbers if you would let me know, as I will probably have a few questions after I have your reply.

Please feel free to call on me anytime for numismatic library information as I have a very nice library here.

I will be grateful for your cooperation and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely

Eric P. Newman

6450 Cecil Ave.

St. Louis, Mo 63105

National Archives



Washington, DC 20408

Date : April 4, 1986
Reply to :
Attn of : NNFJ 86F-1800-WFS
Subject : Correspondence with Laban Heath
To : Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63105

You will find an answer to your inquiry in the statement(s) checked below.

1. ☒ The enclosed information will help answer your recent inquiry.
2. ☐ The material you ordered ☐ is enclosed ☐ will be mailed in about weeks.
3. ☐ Your order costs \$.
4. ☐ Your refund of \$ will be sent by Treasury check in 6-8 weeks.
5. ☒

Enclosed are new copies of the two incomplete pages. I have not yet been able to list additional correspondence between Laban Heath and the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, but will try to get this information to you late next week. I have not been able to identify the appropriation bill mentioned in your letter, but have sent a copy of your inquiry to our Legislative Reference Branch for reply if they find relevant information.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM F. SHERMAN
Judicial, Fiscal, and Social Branch
Civil Archives Division

Enclosure

)

National Archives



Washington, DC 20408

*o-lead
4/17/86*

Date

Reply to : April 11, 1986

Attn of :

Subject : NNFJ 86F-2058-WFS

To : Laban Heath's Counterfeit Detector

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63105

The enclosed order forms represent all the additional correspondence we have found between Laban Heath and the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. The 1885 correspondence indicates that the letters about Heath's agreement with the Department in the late 1860s were sent to the Secretary in March 1885. A Register of Letters Received in the Secretary's Office shows that the documents were transferred to the Loan Division. These letters appear to be the ones listed on page 4 of the order form, which was a file received by the National Archives as part of the Records of the Public Debt (Record Group 53). There may be some duplication between this file and other letter you have already received or some listed on the enclosed form, but I do not believe such duplication, if any, would be extensive. I know of no other records among our holdings that would provide further information on Laban Heath's Counterfeit Detector.

Sincerely,

William F. Sherman

WILLIAM F. SHERMAN
Judicial, Fiscal, and Social Branch
Civil Archives Division

QUOTATION FOR REPRODUCTION SERVICES

PREPARED BY

William F. Sherman

DATE PREPARED

4-11-86

INSTRUCTIONS: Please complete the boxes marked with an arrow (▶). Check the box next to each item you wish to order and calculate the cost. If a choice of services is available for an item, circle the type of reproduction you desire. Prepayment is required unless prior approval is obtained for a purchase order. DO NOT MAIL CASH. Make your check or money order payable to NATIONAL ARCHIVES TRUST FUND. Mail your payment and this form in the enclosed envelope to CASHIER (NJC), NATIONAL ARCHIVES TRUST FUND, WASHINGTON, DC 20408

▶ PAYMENT MADE BY (check the boxes that apply to your order)

☐ CHECK ☐ MONEY ORDER

☐ DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. _____

☐ PURCHASE ORDER NO. _____
(attach copy of purchase order)

BRANCH SYMBOL

NNFJ-F (2-E)

ORGANIZATION CODE

NJC Use

AMOUNT ENCLOSED

BILL TO

PLEASE PROVIDE COMPLETE NAME AND ADDRESS ▶

PLEASE PROVIDE COMPLETE NAME AND ADDRESS ▶

SHIP TO

DESCRIPTION OF RECORDS
(Check the items you wish to order)

QUANTITY

REPRODUCTION SERVICE AVAILABLE
(Services described below)

COST
(Unit prices listed below)

A B C D E F

RG 318: Records of Bureau of Engraving and Printing
Letters Received, 1874 (none)

Letters Sent, 1874 (none)

Letters Received, 1875

1. Doc. 826. Ltr. 11-2-75 from Ordway 4 pages

Letters Sent, 1875

1. Doc. 875. Ltr. 10-30-75 to Continental Bank Note Co. 1 page

2. Doc. 1709. Ltr. 10-30-75 to National Bank Note Co. 1 page

3. Doc. 1807. Ltr. 11-12-75 to Ordway. 1 page

Letters Received, 1876 (None)

Letters Sent, 1876

1. Doc. 915. Ltr. 8-14-76 to Bur. Eng. and Ptg. 2 pages

2. Doc. 1122. Ltr. 8-4-76 2 pages

3. Doc. 1124. Ltr. 8-11-76. 1 page

4. Doc. 1125. Ltr. 12-6-76. 1 page

5. Doc. 1126. Ltr. 12-11-76 1 page

6. Doc. 1127. Ltr. 12-19-76 1 page

PLEASE NOTE: The minimum order is \$5.00.

TOTAL COST ▶

Use this chart to select the service you wish to order. Prices are listed on the right.

Page counts are estimates only. Any adjustments to the total price will be made after the work is completed. The price per item is the fee in effect at the time of this quotation. As these prices are subject to change, this quotation will be honored for 60 days from the DATE PREPARED as noted above.

CODE	DESCRIPTION OF REPRODUCTION SERVICES AVAILABLE	UNIT PRICE
A	35mm PLANETARY MICROFILM FROM ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS	\$.30 per Frame
B	ELECTROSTATIC COPY - 8½" x 11", 8½" x 14", or 11" x 17"	\$.35 per Page
C	OTHER (specify)	
D	OTHER (specify)	
E	OTHER (specify)	
F	OTHER (specify)	

QUOTATION FOR REPRODUCTION SERVICES

PREPARED BY

William F. Sherman

DATE PREPARED

BRANCH SYMBOL

ORGANIZATION CODE

NJC Use

AMOUNT ENCLOSED

INSTRUCTIONS: Please complete the boxes marked with an arrow (▶). Check the box next to each item you wish to order and calculate the cost. If a choice of services is available for an item, circle the type of reproduction you desire. Prepayment is required unless prior approval is obtained for a purchase order. DO NOT MAIL CASH. Make your check or money order payable to NATIONAL ARCHIVES TRUST FUND. Mail your payment and this form in the enclosed envelope to CASHIER (NJC), NATIONAL ARCHIVES TRUST FUND, WASHINGTON, DC 20408

▶ PAYMENT MADE BY (check the boxes that apply to your order)

☐ CHECK ☐ MONEY ORDER

☐ DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. _____

☐ PURCHASE ORDER NO. _____
(attach copy of purchase order)

AMOUNT ENCLOSED



BILL TO

SHIP TO

PLEASE PROVIDE COMPLETE NAME AND ADDRESS ▶

PLEASE PROVIDE COMPLETE NAME AND ADDRESS ▶

DESCRIPTION OF RECORDS
(Check the items you wish to order)

QUANTITY

REPRODUCTION SERVICE AVAILABLE
(Services described below)

COST
(Unit prices listed below)

A B C D E F

Letters Sent, 1876 (cont'd)

7. Doc. 1128. Ltr. 12-23-76.

8. Doc. 1129 Ltr. 12-23-76

9. Doc. 1130 Ltr. 12-18-76

10. Doc. 2159. Ltr. 2-16-76 to Asst.

Sec. of Treas.

11. Doc. 2160. Ltr. 10-20-76 to Sec. ~~Treas~~
of Treasury.

1 page
1 page
2 pages
1 page
4 pages

Letters Received, 1877

1. Doc. 110. Ltr. 1-15-77

2. Doc. 111. Ltr. 1-22-77

3. Doc. 112. Ltr. 4-17-77

4. Doc. 113. Ltr. 4-21-77

5. Doc. 114. Ltr. 12-6-77

6. Doc. 115 Ltr. 12-15-77

1 page
1 page
2 pages
1 page
1 page
1 page

Letters Sent, 1877

1. Doc. 450. Ltr. 1-19-77

2. Doc. 451. Ltr. 4-19-77

3. Doc. 452. Ltr. 12-12-77

4. Doc. 454. Ltr. 12-17-77

1 page
1 page
2 pages
1 page

Letters Received, 1878 (none)

Letters Sent, 1878 (none)

PLEASE NOTE: The minimum order is \$5.00.

TOTAL COST ▶

Use this chart to select the service you wish to order. Prices are listed on the right.

CODE	DESCRIPTION OF REPRODUCTION SERVICES AVAILABLE	UNIT PRICE
A	35mm PLANETARY MICROFILM FROM ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS	\$.30 per Frame
B	ELECTROSTATIC COPY - 8 1/2" x 11", 8 1/2" x 14", or 11" x 17"	\$.35 per Page
C	OTHER (specify)	
D	OTHER (specify)	
E	OTHER (specify)	
F	OTHER (specify)	

Page counts are estimates only. Any adjustments to the total price will be made after the work is completed. The price per item is the fee in effect at the time of this quotation. As these prices are subject to change, this quotation will be honored for 60 days from the DATE PREPARED as noted above.

QUOTATION FOR REPRODUCTION SERVICES		PREPARED BY Sherman	DATE PREPARED
INSTRUCTIONS: Please complete the boxes marked with an arrow (▶). Check the box next to each item you wish to order and calculate the cost. If a choice of services is available for an item, circle the type of reproduction you desire. Prepayment is required unless prior approval is obtained for a purchase order. DO NOT MAIL CASH. Make your check or money order payable to NATIONAL ARCHIVES TRUST FUND. Mail your payment and this form in the enclosed envelope to CASHIER (NJC), NATIONAL ARCHIVES TRUST FUND, WASHINGTON, DC 20408		▶ PAYMENT MADE BY (check the boxes that apply to your order)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> CHECK <input type="checkbox"/> MONEY ORDER	
		<input type="checkbox"/> DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. _____	
		<input type="checkbox"/> PURCHASE ORDER NO. _____ (attach copy of purchase order)	
		BRANCH SYMBOL	
		ORGANIZATION CODE	
		NJC Use	
		AMOUNT ENCLOSED	▶

PLEASE PROVIDE COMPLETE NAME AND ADDRESS ▶	BILL TO	PLEASE PROVIDE COMPLETE NAME AND ADDRESS ▶	SHIP TO
--	---------	--	---------

DESCRIPTION OF RECORDS (Check the items you wish to order)	QUANTITY	REPRODUCTION SERVICE AVAILABLE (Services described below)						COST (Unit prices listed below)
		A	B	C	D	E	F	
<u>Letters Received</u> , 1879 (none)								
<u>Letters Sent</u> , 1879 (none)								
<u>Letters Received</u> , 1880 1. Doc. 332. Ltr. 5-19-80 from Asst. Sec. Treas.	2 pages							
<u>Letters Sent</u> , 1880 1. Doc. 1619. Ltr. 5-20-80 to Sec. Treas.	2 pages							
<u>Letters Received</u> , 1881 (none)								
<u>Letters Sent</u> , 1881 (none)								
<u>Letters Received</u> , 1882 (none)								
<u>Letters Sent</u> , 1882 (none)								
<u>Letters Received</u> , 1883 (none)								
<u>Letters Sent</u> , 1883 (none)								
<u>Letters Received</u> , 1884 (none)								

PLEASE NOTE: The minimum order is \$5.00.

TOTAL COST ▶

Use this chart to select the service you wish to order. Prices are listed on the right.

Page counts are estimates only. Any adjustments to the total price will be made after the work is completed. The price per item is the fee in effect at the time of this quotation. As these prices are subject to change, this quotation will be honored for 60 days from the DATE PREPARED as noted above.	CODE	DESCRIPTION OF REPRODUCTION SERVICES AVAILABLE	UNIT PRICE
	A	35mm PLANETARY MICROFILM FROM ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS	\$.30 per Frame
	B	ELECTROSTATIC COPY - 8½" x 11", 8½" x 14", or 11" x 17"	\$.35 per Page
	C	OTHER (specify)	
	D	OTHER (specify)	
	E	OTHER (specify)	
	F	OTHER (specify)	

QUOTATION FOR REPRODUCTION SERVICES

PREPARED BY

Sherman

DATE PREPARED

INSTRUCTIONS: Please complete the boxes marked with an arrow (▶). Check the box next to each item you wish to order and calculate the cost. If a choice of services is available for an item, circle the type of reproduction you desire. Prepayment is required unless prior approval is obtained for a purchase order. DO NOT MAIL CASH. Make your check or money order payable to NATIONAL ARCHIVES TRUST FUND. Mail your payment and this form in the enclosed envelope to CASHIER (NJC), NATIONAL ARCHIVES TRUST FUND, WASHINGTON, DC 20408



PAYMENT MADE BY (check the boxes that apply to your order)

☐ CHECK ☐ MONEY ORDER

☐ DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. _____

☐ PURCHASE ORDER NO. _____
(attach copy of purchase order)

BRANCH SYMBOL

ORGANIZATION CODE

NJC Use

AMOUNT ENCLOSED



BILL TO

PLEASE
PROVIDE
COMPLETE
NAME AND
ADDRESS

PLEASE
PROVIDE
COMPLETE
NAME AND
ADDRESS

SHIP TO

DESCRIPTION OF RECORDS
(Check the items you wish to order)

QUANTITY

REPRODUCTION SERVICE AVAILABLE
(Services described below)

COST
(Unit prices
listed below)

A B C D E F

Letters Sent, 1884 (none)

Letters Received, 1885

1. Doc. 679. Ltr. 3-3-85 from Asst. Sec. of Treas.

2 pages

Letters Sent, 1885

1. Doc. 1117. Ltr. 3-7-85 to Asst. Sec. of Treas.

2 pages

RG 53: Records of Bureau of Public Debt
Correspondence Relating to Heath Counterfeit
Detector, 1866-77.

207 pages

PLEASE NOTE: The minimum order is \$5.00.

TOTAL COST ▶

Use this chart to select the service you wish to order. Prices are listed on the right.

Page counts are estimates only. Any adjustments to the total price will be made after the work is completed. The price per item is the fee in effect at the time of this quotation. As these prices are subject to change, this quotation will be honored for 60 days from the DATE PREPARED as noted above.

CODE	DESCRIPTION OF REPRODUCTION SERVICES AVAILABLE	UNIT PRICE
A	35mm PLANETARY MICROFILM FROM ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS	\$.30 per Frame
B	ELECTROSTATIC COPY - 8½" x 11", 8½" x 14", or 11" x 17"	\$.35 per Page
C	OTHER (specify)	
D	OTHER (specify)	
E	OTHER (specify)	
F	OTHER (specify)	

National Archives



Washington, DC 20408

April 16, 1986

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63105

Dear Mr. Newman:

Our Judicial, Fiscal and Social Branch referred that portion of your letter of March 18, concerning information on the 1872 appropriation act, to us for a separate reply.

We examined the United States Statutes at Large and the Congressional Record, but could not locate the bill to which you make reference. We recommend that you examine these two publications to determine the measure in which you are interested. Publications, such as the United States Statutes at Large and the Congressional Record, may be available to you at a Government Depository Library in your area, such as the Saint Louis Public Library or Saint Louis University Law Library, both located in St. Louis, MO.

Sincerely,

DAVID R. KEPLEY
Chief, Reference Branch
Legislative Archives Division

Numismatic Literature

Purchased & Sold
4223 Troquois Avenue
Lakeview, California 90713

John F. Bergman

(213) 421-0171

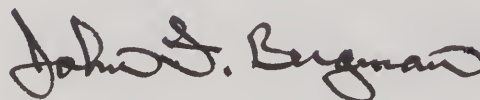
May 4, 1986

Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, MO

Dear Mr. Newman:

Enclosed are my notes on two editions of Heath Counterfeit Detectors. I will forward information on the other editions you were interested in as soon as I get the opportunity to examine them again. I regret taking so long with my response but I have been working long hours at my regular occupation and was committed to getting out a mail bid catalog. Wishing you the best of luck with your research, I am,

Yours Truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "John F. Bergman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" and "B".

John F. Bergman

HEATH COUNTERFEIT DETECTOR VARIETY STUDY

(Use separate sheet for each book)

Return sheet to: Eric P. Newman, 6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63105

Person Furnishing Data:

JOHN F. BERGMAN

Telephone Number (213) 421-0171

Address:

4223 IROQUOIS AVE.
LAKEWOOD, CA 90712

Pocket or Banking Size Banking	Date on Title Page if any NONE	Copyright Date 1870	Edition Listed on Title or in Introduction Third	Thousand if Stated in Title Page _____	Stereotyper on verso of Title if any _____	Engraved Frontis Title if Any United States Treasury	Treas. Letter if Any Between pages 6 & 7	Highest Numbered Page 42	Number of Printed Pages After Last Numbered Page 4
Last Date of Recommendations All recommendations un-dated	Color of Cover Green	Cassilear Patent Plate if any NONE	Number of Pages of Microscope Ads 3 total 20 descriptions 1 illustration Pages 37 & 38	Folded Paste-in of Heath Ad NONE	Unfolded Engraved Heath Adv. Following Treasury Letter	Folded Paste-in of Ctf of Bank of Orleans			

Full Text of Cover

Separate each line by a slash.

Heath's Patented Infalible July. 12. 1867. / Counterfeit Detector / At Sight / By Authority / From The / United States Treasury Department. / Banking & Counting House Edition

Order of Numbered Plates

Showing Renumbering if any

1/2/3/4/5/6/7/8/9/10/11/12 / \$20 N.Y. National / \$10 Phil. National / \$50 Legal Tender / \$10 Legal Tender

U.S. Counterfeits in Order Inserted

XII, \$50 N.Y. Nat. (unnumbered), \$10 Phil. Nat. (unnumbered), \$50 Legal Tender (unnumbered), \$10 Legal Tender (unnumbered) Note: Plate XII is a \$100 Boston National

U.S. Counterfeits in Index if Any

Counterfeit Nat. Note, face & back, \$100, XII; Counterfeit Legal Tender Note, F+B, \$10, XV; \$20, XIII; \$10, XIV

U.S. Counterfeits Mentioned in Text if Any

Plates 12 thru 15 on page 35; Plate 16 on page 36

Other Observations or

Other Comments

On closer examination my copy of this edition, described above, differs materially from the ones described on my original listing. None of the others encountered had the legal tender notes.

MANY THANKS

HEATH COUNTERFEIT DETECTOR VARIETY STUDY

(Use separate sheet for each book)

Return sheet to: Eric P. Newman, 6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63105

Person Furnishing Data:

JOHN F. BERGMAN

Telephone Number (213) 421-0171

Address:

**4223 IROQUOIS AVE.
LAKEWOOD, CA 90713**

Pocket or Banking Size <i>Pocket</i>	Date on Title Page if any <i>NONE</i>	Copyright Date <i>1866</i>	Edition Listed on Title or in Introduction <i>Second</i>	Thousand if Stated in Title Page <i>---</i>	Stereotyper on verso of Title if any <i>---</i>	Engraved Frontis Title if Any <i>---</i>	Treas. Letter if Any <i>---</i>	Highest Numbered Page <i>39</i>	Number of Printed Pages After Last Numbered Page <i>NONE</i>
Last Date of Recommendations <i>Dec. 1st, 1866</i>	Color of Cover <i>Green</i>	Cassilear Patent Plate if any <i>NONE</i>	Number of Pages of Microscope Ads <i>NONE</i>	Folded Paste-in of Heath Ad <i>Yes Plate 15</i>	Unfolded Engraved Heath Adv. <i>NONE</i>	Folded Paste-in of Ctf of Bank of Orleans <i>Yes Plate 16</i>			

Full Text of Cover. *Heath's/Improved, Enlarged & Infallible/Government/Counterfeit Detector/At Sight./By Authority/From The/U.S. Treasury Department*

Order of Numbered Plates Showing Renumbering if any
NONE

U.S. Counterfeits in Order Inserted
Plate #16

U.S. Counterfeits in Index if Any
No index

U.S. Counterfeits Plate #16 on page 13
Mentioned in Text if Any

Other Observations or Introduction to the second edition: (unnumbered page 3) 4+5
Other Comments " " first " " 6 7+8

MANY THANKS

October 5th
1987

Mr. Eric Newman

Hi Eric:

How you doing? Hope my note finds you and yours well!

I'm going along just fine and I even find something occasionally of numismatic interest to keep my hands in.

Laban Heath has certainly proved to be an elusive character even to me.

I just located this circular which is new to me. Have you ever seen it?

It appears to pertain to his 2nd edition quite a jump in price \$1.50 to 4.00 I don't ever recall seeing a price and no price for the larger counting house edition.

Of all places for this circular to turn up, but logical. It was pasted down on the ^{1st page} fly leaf of Ormsby's Bank Note Engraving. This is the 16th copy I've located and it turned out to be The N. Hamp. Historical societies copy.

I'm sure Ormsby had a good relationship with Laban Heath as well as President Pierce Samuel F B Morse and Dan Webster.

Ormsby engravings seem to be extremely elusive or rare if you please but he did engravings of all the above except Laban Heath.

I'm sure we'll never know of any existing contact between the two men on this subject of banknote engraving and counterfeiting but I'm sure they conferred at one time or another.

Well Eric, thats it for now, you take care and have fun collecting, who knows maybe we will uncover more. I have a feeling you have never seen this circular which is enclosed.

Best Regards,
Bob Wester

In order that you may avail yourself of a copy immediately upon its issue, and thus be enabled to effectually guard yourselves against loss from the numerous *new* and dangerous Counterfeits that are being spread over the Country by organized hands of Counterfeiters I have decided on issuing this Circular in advance of the publication of the work.

The price of my *new* work entitled "HEATH'S NEW GOVERNMENT COUNTERFEIT DETECTOR AT SIGHT" will be \$4, per copy, the book will be handsomely bound in cloth and will contain from *fifty to seventy-five of the finest and most prominent steel engravings* from nearly all the paper currency. It also contains from *twenty-five to thirty* pages of closely printed instructions enabling any person to detect at a glance (after a perusal of the instructions) the most dangerous counterfeit that can possibly be executed.

If you desire the work, enclose \$4.00 to LABAN HEATH, Washington, D. C. or to No. 20 Washington Street, Boston, Mass., and the *Detector* warranted in every particular as here described, will be *sent you by mail postage pre paid*.

The government devices alone as specimens of the currency of the country are worth more than the cost of the work.

Several cheap Editions purporting to be similar to my old work having a few badly executed *Wood Cuts* are in circulation none of them however contain a single cut from the Government work or the American Bank Note Company.

I have also secured *Letters Patent*, bearing date May 18th, 1866, for a *Combination Micro Telescopic Glass* which is designed for Sale with the *Detector*. This Glass is a fine magnifier, a *powerful Microscope*, and *Spy or Opera Glass*. By a simple change, this instrument is convertible into either one of the above named Glasses, and is a very useful instrument at all times. The lower or magnifying portion separates from the upper sections and is exactly adapted to the detection of every description of counterfeit. When the sections are united the whole forms a powerful Microscope.

These Glasses now being manufactured in Paris will be furnished as soon as completed with or without the *Detector* by Mail pre-paid at the following prices.

Lower Section or Magnifying portion \$4.00, Upper Section combining Microscopic and Telescopic \$5.00, making the whole "Combination Glass" \$9.00. If only one section is wanted at first the other portion can be ordered at any future time.

The *Detector* and a magnifying Glass which we are now selling suitable for use with it will be sent to one address for \$6.00 when ordered direct from the publisher. Travelling Agents however may be under the necessity of charging an additional commission to cover expenses.

In order that parties may not be left in doubt in regard to my responsibility and the accuracy of my statements, I annex a few of the many testimonials in my possession from prominent Gentlemen in different sections of the country.

LABAN HEATH,

Author of the only Infallable Government Detector.

Washington, D. C. and No. 20 Washington Street, Boston, Mass.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

SEERGEANT AT ARMS OFFICE,
U. S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
WASHINGTON, D. C. SEPT. 1st 1866. }

LABAN HEATH, Esq. has spent much time and labor in the perfection of his system for the detection of Counterfeit Currency, and it properly encouraged by those most interested, I have no doubt will be able to detect and materially in driving out of existence the numerous dangers that are now afloat.

I can cheerfully recommend Mr. Heath as an upright, energetic,
N. G. ORR

SEERGEANT AT ARMS U. S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
I concur in the foregoing recommendation.

CHARLES B. HALL,

Secretary of the Association of Banks for the suppression of

OFFICE,

BOSTON.

TRADERS BANK, BANGOR.

It concerns every person to know whether the money he is day is counterfeit or genuine. The idea generally prevails that experienced money dealers, and professional experts, are cap

guishing the good from the bad. But the system taught by Mr. Laban Heath, establishes the fact that every person may readily acquire the art.

As an aid to the living teacher, I consider the little Manual prepared by Mr. Heath invaluable; and indeed its instructions and explanations are so clear and full, and engraved illustrations so perfect that its thorough study will enable any person to detect the character of any paper money at

E. TRASK, CASHIER.

ments expressed by MR. TRASK

azie Bank,
st National Bank,
chauts Bank,
reanville Bank,
nduskeag Bank,
tern Bank,
omers Bank,
ond National Bank,

SPRINGFIELD NOV. 1, 1864.

r published by L. HEATH. I think
I to detect Counterfeit money. I do
business men, or persons that handle
LEWIS WARNER, TELLER.



ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

Oct 9, 1987

Mr. Robert Wester
54 High St
Pembroke, N.H. 03275

Dear Bob:

You always turn up something new and mystifying. The circular is new to me and I am very pleased that you found it. I find it puzzling as there never was a book issued by Heath with the word "New" in it; the word Infalible being retained. There never was a \$4 price for the pocket edition so I imagine that changed when the contemplated book was finally published. I will check the dates of the testimonials (some of which are not visible due to the pasteover) to see if any are later than Sept 1, 1866.

As to the prices of Heath I remember that the counting house edition is sometimes advertised in the pocket edition and visa versa. I have not checked my voluminous notations but the counting house was advertised at \$15 I believe and the pocket at \$3. I will check this unless you solve it before that.

Ormsby I believe hit his peak and then declined in impact before Heath got into detectors. The 1857 Ormsby notes are the end of his banknote business as a practical matter. Heath didn't start until during the Civil War.

I am writing a few other articles now but will get back to Heath in due course. I have an agreement to publish a third edition of Early Paper Money of America which pleases me, but naturally I am doing it gratis.

My best wishes to you. Keep up the excitement of numismatics

Sincerely

Eric

Bob Wester

10/12/87

Dear Bob:

Your paper about Crosby in CNH was just great. I am so glad that it reflects your enthusiasm for every detail about Crosby and shows how much you found in your years of search. You made your own opportunities by hard work. Congratulations.

As to my letter last week I must correct my comments on Heath's prices to some extent. So far I have found the following adv in Heath:

U.S. Bond Detector 1870 priced at \$16⁰⁰
1871-1873 reduced to \$10⁰⁰

Pocket Size Heath 1864-186? \$1⁵⁰

1870-1871 \$3⁰⁰

Banking Size Heath 1870-1873 \$5

1877-1889 "Send for Circular"

Pamphlet on Currency 1873-1883 \$1⁰⁰
1887-1889 50¢

Hope the above is helpful. I will keep looking. Your notice is not included in the above.

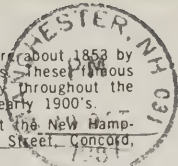
My best



HISTORIC CONCORD COACH

Built in Concord, New Hampshire about 1853 by the Abbots and the Downings. These famous coaches were used extensively throughout the world between 1827 and the early 1900's.

This coach is now exhibited at the New Hampshire Historical Society, Park Street, Concord, New Hampshire.



OCT 19, 1987

Dear Bob,

I have separated the front pages & removed the bookplate from the Bank Note Engraving book. You can come in anytime to take a look.

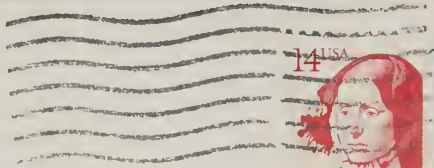
Truly, Bill
Cagley

NC555

— Published by Bromley & Company, Inc., Boston, Mass. 02210 —



MIKE ROBERTS
BERKELEY 94710



Julia Ward Howe

Bob Wester
54 High St.
Pembroke
NH 03275

November
1st
1987

Eric:

There are color photographs
of Sylvester S. Crosbys
American Numismatic Societies
Medals

Bob Wister



The silver
medal really
comes to
life on a
bright day
Many rainbow
colors

This is
most
attractive
of color
This
Brong.

November 1st
1987

Mr Bruce Newman

Hi Eric:

I'm just getting these papers together for you.

The ^{N.H. Hist.} society removed the seal, so you can now examine this close, list of recommendations.

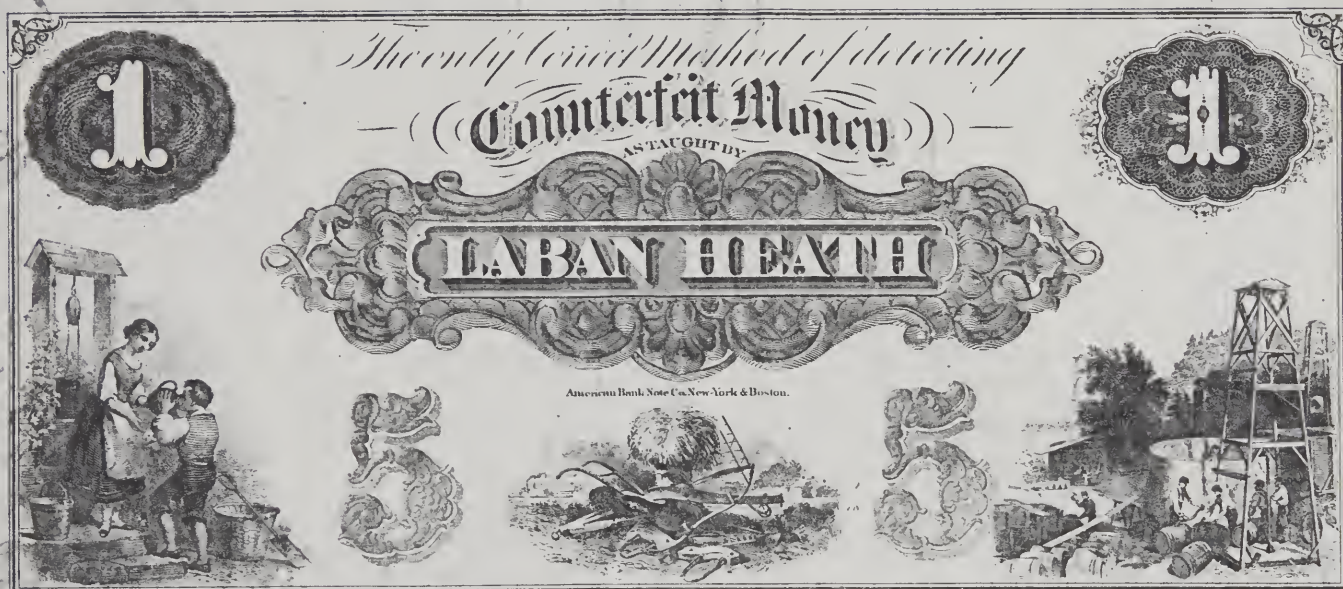
I have never seen this face which for some reason was cut where I circled Eric. We know the banknote well enough, but with the cut under Wash. D.C., and not between, the note and Washington, certainly makes this new to me.

Was this printed on both sides of a sheet? Seems long, if it were, a fold up broadside, which doesn't seem logical.

I know you'll find this extremely interesting Eric.

Take care and have fun solving this one. Maybe I'll get lucky and find more Heath items

Best Regards
Bob Wester



WASHINGTON, D. C. }

November 20th., 1866.

TO BANKERS, MERCHANTS, RAILROAD MANAGERS, and others, having occasion to detect COUNTERFEIT MONEY.

THE undersigned having devoted much time and labor to perfect his system for the detection of Counterfeit currency, secured, in 1864 of the American Bank Note Company, the right to use their *genuine* Bank note engravings in his Book entitled "*Heath's Counterfeit Detector at Sight*" which in about one year after the copyright was secured, reached a sale of over *fifteen thousand* copies, and which would undoubtedly ere this have reached nearly *One hundred thousand* copies had not the whole currency of the country been changed into *Government* notes known as *Greenbacks* and *National Bank Bills*.

This change for a time gave security to the community and it was confidently believed that the *Counterfeiters* "Occupation was gone." This idea however soon proved a delusion as Counterfeit bills of almost every denomination, to an alarming extent, were actually passed over the counters of the best *Banking Houses of the country*.

Strongly impressed with the belief that the only sure way to *protect the public* was to educate them (in the detection of Counterfeit Currency) and place in their hands *sharp clear cuts* from *genuine* bills of the National Currency, I applied several months since to the Secretary of the Treasury for the permission to use the *Government* cuts in a *new and improved* edition of my work which I intended to issue.

This proposition being new and the fear that these impressions might be transferred or in some way used to aid the Counterfeiters in their nefarious business led the *Department* to secure the opinion of the officers of the American Bank Note Company and other prominent Engravers as well as Bankers, in regard to the utility of my system, and the practicability of giving me the cuts. The result of this rigid investigation I am happy to say, induced the *department* to grant my request, with the understanding that the *dies* should be slightly mutilated, *but not so* as to destroy the symmetry of the work.

I shall thus be able to lay before you about the first or middle of December, the only work containing *Genuine* cuts or plates from the *dies* of the National Currency, including *Greenbacks* as well as the *old Bank issues*.

This work will be sold on application to me direct, or by an *authorized agent* duly *commissioned* for a given territory, and under such directions as the *Treasury Department* may propose.

Print from orig.

Front free fly
was glued to back
of inside front cover



WASHINGTON, D. C.

November 20th., 1866.

I wonder
if this was
a part of the
type below cut

TO BANKERS, MERCHANTS, RAILROAD MANAGERS, and others, having occasion to detect COUNTERFEIT MONEY.

THE undersigned having devoted much time and labor to perfect his system for the detection of Counterfeit currency, secured, in 1864 of the American Bank Note Company, the right to use their *genuine* Bank note engravings in his Book entitled "*Heath's Counterfeit Detector at Sight*," which in about one year after the copyright was secured, reached a sale of over fifteen thousand copies, and which would undoubtedly ere this have reached nearly One hundred thousand copies had not the whole currency of the country been changed into *Government* notes known as *Greenbacks* and *National Bank Bills*.

This change for a time gave security to the community and it was confidently believed that the *Counterfeiters* "Occupation was gone." This idea however soon proved a delusion as Counterfeit bills of almost every denomination, to an alarming extent, were actually passed over the counters of the best *Banking Houses* of the country.

Strongly impressed with the belief that the only sure way to *protect the public* was to educate them (in the detection of Counterfeit Currency) and place in their hands *sharp clear cuts* from *genuine* bills of the National Currency, I applied several months since to the Secretary of the Treasury for the permission to use the *Government* cuts in a *new and improved* edition of my work which I intended to issue.

This proposition being new and the fear that these impressions might be transferred or in some way used to aid the Counterfeiters in their nefarious business led the *Department* to secure the opinion of the officers of the American Bank Note Company and other prominent Engravers as well as Bankers, in regard to the utility of my system, and the practicability of giving me the cuts. The result of this rigid investigation I am happy to say, induced the *department* to grant my request, with the understanding that the *dies* should be slightly mutilated, *but not so* as to destroy the symmetry of the work.

I shall thus be able to lay before you about the first or middle of December, the only work containing *Genuine* cuts or plates from the *dies* of the National Currency, including *Greenbacks* as well as the *old Bank issues*.

This work will be sold on application to me direct, or by an *authorized agent* duly *commissioned* for a given territory, and under such directions as the *Treasury Department* may propose.

Print from orig.

In order that you may avail yourself of a copy immediately upon its issue, and thus be enabled to effectually guard yourselves against loss from the numerous new and dangerous Counterfeits that are being spread over the Country by organized bands of Counterfeiters I have decided on issuing this Circular in advance of the publication of the work.

The price of my new work entitled "HEATH'S NEW GOVERNMENT COUNTERFEIT DETECTOR AT SIGHT" will be \$4 per copy, the book will be handsomely bound in cloth and will contain from fifty to seventy-five of the finest and most prominent steel engravings from nearly all the paper currency. It also contains from twenty-five to thirty pages of closely printed instructions enabling any person to detect at a glance (after a perusal of the instructions) the most dangerous counterfeit that can possibly be executed.

If you desire the work, enclose \$4.00 to LABAN HEATH, Washington, D. C. or to No. 20 Washington Street, Boston, Mass., and the Detector warranted in every particular as here described, will be sent you by mail postage pre paid.

The government devices alone as specimens of the currency of the country are worth more than the cost of the work.

Several cheap Editions purporting to be similar to my old work having a few badly executed Wood Cuts are in circulation none of them however contain a single cut from the Government work or the American Bank Note Company.

I have also secured Letters Patent, bearing date May 18th, 1866, for a Combination Micro Telescopic Glass which is designed for Sale with the Detector. This Glass is a fine magnifier, a powerful Microscope, and Spy or Opera Glass. By a simple change, this instrument is convertible into either one of the above named Glasses, and is a very useful instrument at all times. The lower or magnifying portion separates from the upper sections and is exactly adapted to the detection of every description of counterfeits. When the sections are united the whole forms a powerful Microscope.

These Glasses now being manufactured in Paris will be furnished as soon as completed with or without the Detector by Mail pre-paid at the following prices.

Lower Section or Magnifying portion \$4.00, Upper Section combining Microscopic and Telescopic \$5.00, making the whole "Combination Glass" \$9.00. If only one section is wanted at first the other portion can be ordered at any future time.

The Detector and a magnifying Glass which we are now selling suitable for use with it will be sent to one address for \$6.00 when ordered direct from the publisher. Travelling Agents however may be under the necessity of charging an additional commission to cover expenses.

In order that parties may not be left in doubt in regard to my responsibility and the accuracy of my statements, I annex a few of the many testimonials in my possession from prominent Gentlemen in different sections of the country.

LABAN HEATH,

Author of the only Infallible Government Detector.

Washington, D. C. and No. 20 Washington Street, Boston, Mass.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

SERGEANT AT ARMS OFFICE,
U. S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
WASHINGTON, D. C. SEPT. 1st 1866.

LABAN HEATH, Esq. has spent much time and labor in the perfection of his system for the detection of Counterfeit Currency, and if properly encouraged by those most interested, I have no doubt will be able to rid the public materially in driving out of existence the numerous dangerous Counterfeits that are now afloat.

I can cheerfully recommend Mr. Heath as an upright, energetic man.

N. G. ORDWAY.

SERGEANT AT ARMS U. S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
I concur in the foregoing recommendation.

CHARLES B. HALL.

Secretary of the Association of Banks for the suppression of Counterfeits.

OCT. 1, 1866,
BOSTON, MASS.

TRADERS BANK, BANGOR, SEPT. 20, 1861.

It concerns every person to know whether the money he is handling every day is counterfeit or genuine. The idea generally prevails that only the experienced money dealers, and professional experts, are capable of detecting

guishing the good from the bad. But the system taught by Mr. Laban Heath, establishes the fact that every person may readily acquire the art.

As an aid to the living teacher, I consider the little Manual prepared by Mr. Heath invaluable; and indeed its instructions and explanations are so clear and full, and engraved illustrations so perfect that its thorough study will enable any person to determine the character of any paper money at sight.

E. TRASK, CASHIER.

We fully concur in the foregoing sentiments expressed by MR. TRASK.

WILLIAM J. LORD,	Cashier of Venzie Bank.
E. S. WYMAN,	" " First National Bank.
M. T. STICKNEY,	" " Merchants Bank.
JOHN S. ROCKWELL,	" " Mercantile Bank.
T. S. DEAN,	" " Kenilworth Bank.
W. H. MILLS,	" " Eastern Bank.
W. H. PARSONS,	" " Farmers Bank.
W. S. DENNETT,	" " Second National Bank.

CHICOLE BANK, SPRINGFIELD NOV. 1, 1861.

I have examined the Counterfeit Detector published by L. HEATH. I think it is one of the best works ever published to detect Counterfeit money. I do not hesitate in recommending it to all business men, or persons that handle bank money.

LEWIS WARNER, TELLER.

Back of free fly.

In order that you may avail yourself of a copy immediately upon its issue, and thus be enabled to effectually guard yourselves against loss from the numerous *new* and dangerous Counterfeits that are being spread over the Country by organized bands of Counterfeiters I have decided on issuing this Circular in advance of the publication of the work.

The price of my *new* work entitled "HEATH'S NEW GOVERNMENT COUNTERFEIT DETECTOR AT SIGHT" will be \$4, per copy, the book will be handsomely bound in cloth and will contain from *fifty to seventy-five of the finest and most prominent steel engravings* from nearly all the paper currency. It also contains from *twenty-five to thirty* pages of closely printed instructions enabling any person to detect at a glance (after a perusal of the instructions) the most dangerous counterfeit that can possibly be executed.

If you desire the work, enclose \$4.00 to LABAN HEATH, Washington, D. C. or to No. 20 Washington Street, Boston, Mass., and the *Detector* warranted in every particular as here described, will be *sent you by mail postage pre paid*.

The government devices alone as specimens of the currency of the country are worth more than the cost of the work.

Several cheap Editions purporting to be similar to my old work having a few badly executed *Wood Cuts* are in circulation none of them however contain a single cut from the Government work or the American Bank Note Company.

I have also secured *Letters Patent*, bearing date May 18th. 1866, for a *Combination Micro Telescopic Glass* which is designed for Sale with the *Detector*. This Glass is a fine magnifier, a *powerful Microscope*, and *Spy or Opera Glass*. By a simple change, this instrument is convertible into either one of the above named Glasses, and is a very useful instrument at all times. The lower or magnifying portion separates from the upper sections and is exactly adapted to the detection of every description of counterfeits. When the sections are united the whole forms a powerful Microscope.

These Glasses now being manufactured in Paris will be furnished as soon as completed with or without the *Detector* by Mail pre-paid at the following prices.

Lower Section or Magnifying portion \$4.00, Upper Section combining Microscopic and Telescopic \$5.00, making the whole "Combination Glass" \$9.00. If only one section is wanted at first the other portion can be ordered at any future time.

The *Detector* and a magnifying Glass which we are now selling suitable for use with it will be sent to one address for \$6.00 when ordered direct from the publisher. Travelling Agents however may be under the necessity of charging an additional commission to cover expenses.

In order that parties may not be left in doubt in regard to my responsibility and the accuracy of my statements, I annex a few of the many testimonials in my possession from prominent Gentlemen in different sections of the country.

LABAN HEATH,

Author of the only Infallible Government Detector.

Washington, D. C. and No. 20 Washington Street, Boston, Mass.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

SERGEANT AT ARMS OFFICE.
U. S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.
WASHINGTON, D. C. SEPT, 1st 1866. }

LABAN HEATH, Esq., has spent much time and labor in the perfection of his system for the detection of Counterfeit Currency, and if properly encouraged by those most interested, I have no doubt will be able to aid the public materially in driving out of existence the numerous dangerous Counterfeits that are now afloat.

I can cheerfully recommend Mr. Heath as an upright, energetic man.
N. G. ORDWAY.

SERGEANT AT ARMS U. S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.
I concur in the foregoing recommendation.
CHARLES B. HALL.

Secretary of the Association of Banks for the suppression of Counterfeits.

OCT. 1, 1866.
BOSTON, MASS. }

TRADERS BANK, BANGOR. SEPT. 20, 1864.

It concerns every person to know whether the money he is handling every day is counterfeit or genuine. The idea generally prevails that only the experienced money dealers, and professional experts, are capable of distinguish-

guishing the good from the bad. But the system taught by Mr. Laban Heath, establishes the fact that every person may readily acquire the art.

As an aid to the living teacher, I consider the little Manual prepared by Mr. Heath invaluable; and indeed its instructions and explanations are so clear and full, and engraved illustrations so perfect that its thorough study will enable any person to determine the character of any paper money at a glance.

E. TRASK, CASHIER.

We fully concur in the foregoing sentiments expressed by MR. TRASK.

WILLIAM J. LORD, Cashier of Yeazie Bank.
JOHN WYMAN, " " First National Bank.
M. T. STICKNEY, " " Merchants Bank.
JOHN S. RICKER, " " Mercantile Bank.
T. S. DOOB, " " Kendall's Bank.
W. H. MILLS, " " Eastern Bank.
W. H. PARSONS, " " Farmers Bank.
W. S. DENNET, " " Second National Bank.

CHICOPEE BANK, SPRINGFIELD NOV. 1, 1864.

I have examined the Counterfeit Detector published by L. HEATH. I think it is one of the best works ever published to detect Counterfeit money. I do not hesitate in recommending it to all business men, or persons that handle bankbills.
LEWIS WARNER, TELLER.

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

November 13, 1987

Mr. Robert Wester
54 High Street
Pembroke, NH 03275

Dear Bob:

Thank you for your November 1, 1987 letter with enclosures. The New Hampshire Historical Society apparently separated the front pages which were pasted into their copy of the Ormsby and now the matter is much clearer. In sending out the November 20, 1866 announcement, he must have had the first page printed beginning at the middle of the page so that he could paste on a copy of his American Banknote Company engraving which he was going to tip into his books. Once he pasted the engraving on the paper, he could print by letter press the Washington, D. C., and the date over the top of the pasteon at the same time as he printed the balance of the sheet. The back side of the sheet is the normal size and did not require an adjustment.

I am very pleased that you located this item and straightened out the mystery.

My very kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

jah

Robert Wester
54 Hight St
Pembroke, N.H. 03225

July 18, 1988

Dear Bob:

Your interesting letter of last month found me wandering in England so I now hasten to reply.

You certainly turn up wonderful things. I have filed them by subject matter as you find many fields full of goodies.

As to your great Heath purchase I wish to know exactly what the index of plates says as to plates XII, XIII, XIV, XV and XVI. Are all the items described? Are they described in proper order? Are there any deviations? This issue ran out of plates and five is the maximum. Sometimes they substituted others, sometimes they changed the index numbering or omitted items. Let me know at your convenience.

I leave for the ANA convention in a few days where I hope to have fun.

My very best wishes

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

November 6, 1989

Mr. Carl W. A. Carlson
R.R.2 Box 4
Lorraine Road
South Salem, NY 10590

Dear Carl:

As to being a participating writer in the ANA Centennial Anthology, I would like to ask you two specific items before selecting a subject:

1. Will we be able to use illustrations interspersed within the text of an article or will there be plates at the end of the book or the end of the article? It is so much better for a reader to have illustrations next to the text referring to it.
2. What is the target date for manuscript submission or the deadline?

Will you be nice enough to let me hear from you at your convenience or pass this letter along to whomever has jurisdiction over these things.

My regards,



Eric P. Newman

EPN:bv

Mr. Robert Wester
54 High St.
Pembroke, N.H.
03275

Latest Find
"Only known Gold Medal
Julian AM-7 engraved
on rim."

Mr. Eric Newman

January 20th
1990

Hi Eric:

Hope you're feeling much
better since you operation.

Wishing you and yours
a Happy Healthy Year!

Best Regards
Bob Wester

BOWERS AND MERENA GALLERIES, INC.



February 14, 1990

BOX 1224
WOLFEBORO, NH 03894
(603) 569-5095
Fax line: (603) 569-5319

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63105

Dear Eric:

When talking with you about the "ANA Anthology" I slipped a gear, and when I later checked with our Graphic Arts Department they told me that they were full speed ahead on the project and actually hoped to have the project out the door within the next two or three months. This differs from what I told you - that it might be later this year. Still, I have not promised the ANA that they will have anything in their hands by the convention this summer, as I don't want to be late in case we run into production problems. The Anthology is nearly complete, but "The ANA Centennial History" is still in the proofreading and copy editing stage.

Thank you for your contributions to the Anthology.

All good wishes from here.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Q. David Bowers', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Q. David Bowers

QDB/mkv

Your friends in the rare coin business

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

February 19, 1990

Mr. Q. David Bowers
Box 1224
Wolfeboro, NH 03894

Dear Dave:

Thank you for your February 14, 1990 letter on the ANA Anthology.

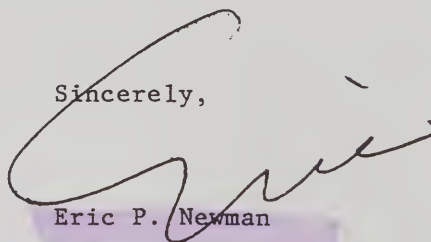
Enclosed is the tabular portion of my article entitled "Heath's Counterfeit Detectors--An Extraordinarily Successful Comedy of Errors." It consists of pages MT-1 through MT-16. It is in longhand, which I believe is readable. Please have it set promptly and I will do the proofreading as fast as it is sent to me. Please send the proof to Carl Carlson as well.

I am steadily writing the main portion of the article and gathering photographs and will send it as fast as I can.

Please have your typesetter, editor, composer, you, Michael or anyone else ask me any questions about it at any time.

Thanks for your patience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Eric P. Newman', is written over a light purple rectangular stamp. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Eric P. Newman

EPN:bv

AUCTIONS BY BOWERS AND MERENA, INC.



February 22, 1990

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63105

Box 1224
WOLFEBORO, NH 03894
(603) 569-5095
Fax (603) 569-5319

Dear Eric:

I seem to be doing this more often than I want to, but here I go again!

When Carl Carlson and I came up with our February 16 deadline for receipt of copy for the ANA Anthology, we were working under the assumption that the volume would be published and available for sale in June of this year. Further, we had assumed that the ANA history, being written by Dave, would be available for publication at the same time as our anthology. As you know, both books are to be published simultaneously, in identical cover stock, and offered for sale as a set, as well as separately. Now, however, I find that David does not feel that he wishes to be "pinned down" to a particular deadline, but rather, expects to have the book available for sale sometime in the middle of the fall of this year.

Therefore, there is no longer any need for you to rush quite as quickly as you have been doing to complete your article on Heath's Counterfeit Detectors. Accordingly, please accept my apologies once again!

The procedure to follow now will be this: either send portions of your article, or wait until the entire article is completed, directly to James Taylor at ANA Headquarters. Since the article appears to be rather long, and our own typesetting facilities here are limited (save in cases of emergency, as originally believed), ANA Headquarters will be typesetting your manuscript themselves. I have advised Carl of this change, as well as James Taylor, so they are both familiar with the new and improved procedure.

The first fascicle that you sent to David, covering MT-1 through MT-16, I shall send today to James Taylor.

Sorry for what seems to be haphazard planning on my part, but in mitigation, I should point out that there are some factors which are beyond my control.

Yours truly,

Michael Hodder

Copies to: James Taylor
Carl W.A. Carlson

MH/cl

When great collections are sold Bowers and Merena sells them

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

February 27, 1990

Mr. Ira Polikoff
Bureau of Engraving & Printing
14th & C Streets 3 S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20228

Dear Mr. Polikoff:

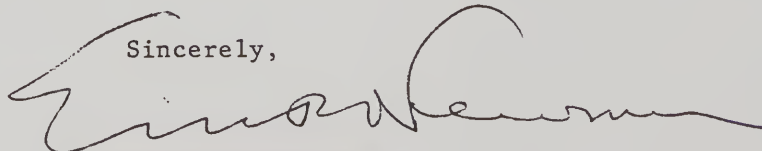
I am writing up a piece of research on the Heath Counterfeit Detectors of the 1864-1877 period in which the Printing Bureau and the Bureau of Engraving and Printing played a major part. I have run into an identification problem on one picture and need the help of someone in your department.

In the frontis piece engraved and prepared by the Treasury Department in 1866 there are 7 portraits. A copy of the frontis piece is enclosed. I am able to identify the portraits starting on the lower left and going clockwise as Spencer M. Clark, Stephen A. Douglas, U.S. Grant, George Washington, William T. Sherman, Hugh McCulloch and ? It is this last portrait I am unable to identify. The 1866 book in which this frontis piece is used contains an acknowledgement of assistance from a large group of people in government services and this portrait may be one of them. I am enclosing a list of those candidates. Would you be able to identify this one person? I presume your office still has the engraved plates but I would imagine you will find this unidentified party in some sample book or proof book which they were so careful to make at that time.

The position on the engraving of the unidentified person puts him below McCulloch who was Secretary of the Treasury. That person is alongside Spencer M. Clark who was Chief of the Printing Bureau, First Division, and I would guess that the unidentified person is someone near the top of the Treasury Department. He is not on the U.S. fractional currency as Clark, Fessenden and Spinner were.

Would you be nice enough to help me or have someone in your department do it. I will be grateful.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Eric P. Newman', with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Eric P. Newman

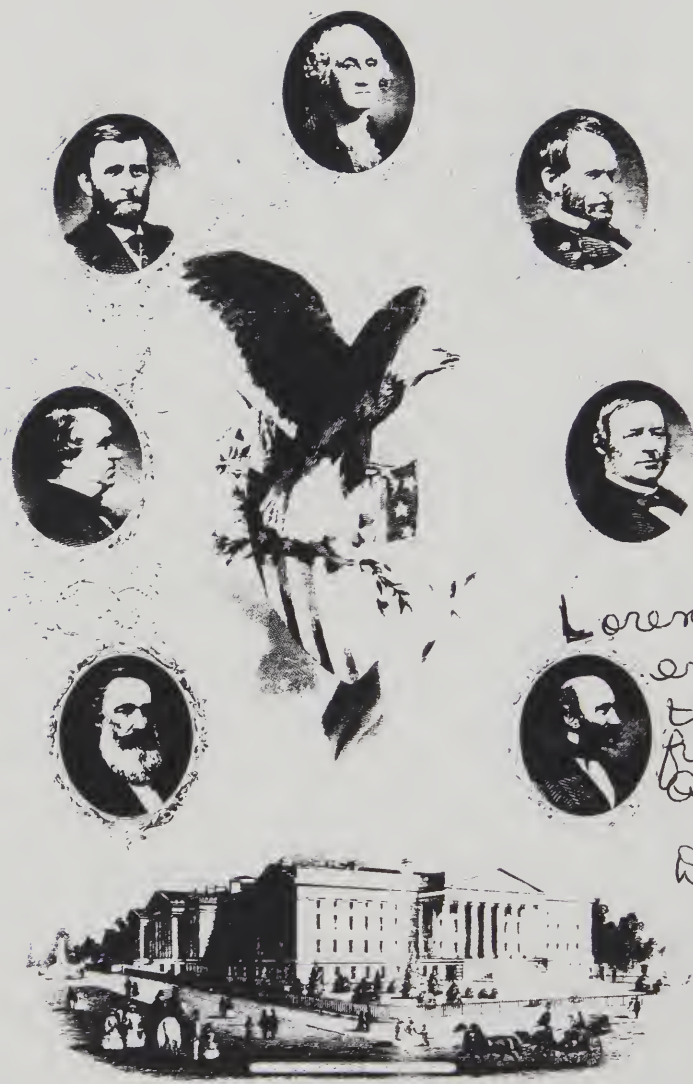
EPN:bv

1869 Officers

Hugh McCulloch	Secretary of the Treasury (retired)
George S. Boutwell	Secretary of the Treasury
William A. Richardson	Asst. Secretary of the Treasury
John F. Hartley	Asst. Secretary of the Treasury
William H. West	Chief Clerk
Francis E. Spinner	Treasurer
H. R. Hulburd	Comptroller of Currency
John J. Knox	Asst. Comptroller
E. C. Banfield	Solicitor of Treasury
H. C. Whitley	Secret Service Head
George G. McCartee	Superintendent of Printing Bureau
George W. Casilear	Chief of Engraving Department
A. B. Mullett	Supervising Architect
W. H. Andrews	Loan Branch
J. R. Bigelow	Loan Branch
W. H. Coleman	Chief of Division in Secretary's Office

One of the above is a possibility except McCulloch who is already identified, and except Spinner.

*This was
your original
reply*



Lorenzo Hatch
engraver at
the Bureau
from
April 24, 1874
to
Dec. 27, 1887

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

March 5, 1990

Mr. Ken Lowe
Money Tree
1260 Smith Court
Rocky River, OH 44116

Dear Ken:

You asked for it, so here it is. It needs prompt attention.

A photocopy of my article on Heath is enclosed. It is a complex subject. I welcome the opportunity of having you read it and make suggestions for clarification, correction, addition, elimination, humor, etc. I am sorry it is written by hand but I can't afford the time or energy to proofread it twice, once for my submittal and once for the ANA typeset version. It is for the ANA 100th Anniversary Anthology. It took almost the 100 years to write.

You won't hurt my feelings whatever you say, but please, teacher, give me a passing grade.

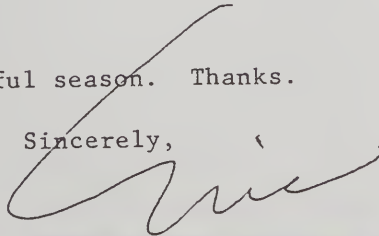
I will gladly acknowledge your participation, if you participate.

I need to create some rarity scale for the varieties and need help on that. What can you suggest?

Whatever you do, do it fast.

I hope your Money Tree has a fruitful season. Thanks.

Sincerely,



Eric P. Newman

EPN:bv

P.S. Does Myron care to help too?

EPN

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

March 6, 1990

Mr. James Taylor
American Numismatic Association
Box 2366
Colorado Springs, CO 80901

Dear Jim:

RE: ANA Anthology

In accordance with the February 22, 1990 letter from Michael Hodder concerning my article for the ANA Anthology, I am sending a draft to you. I have been working continuously for 1½ months to complete it because of the change in completion schedules. You have already received 16 pages (MT-1 through MT-16) which were originally sent to Dave Bowers at his suggestion. (It can be thrown away as it has been repaginated and amended).

My article entitled "Heath's Counterfeit Detectors--An Extraordinarily Successful Comedy of Errors" is enclosed in longhand. I believe it can be read easily as my most recent book was set from handwritten manuscript. If I had had it put on a processor, there would have been a further delay because of extra proofreading.

If you or your staff have editorial suggestions, please advise me. Please have the size of type or style of type written onto the manuscript for the typesetter.

My preference is to have the first setting proofread by your team and corrections made before sending it to me for proofreading. I will then proof it rapidly and return it.

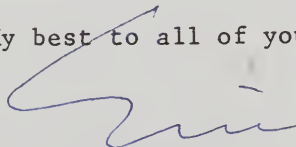
The draft enclosed does not have footnote numbers or the actual footnotes because of time urgency. I will add the footnote text shortly and will put in footnote numbers when I read the proof. Please let me know if a footnote is to be at the end of the page where the reference is or at the end of the article.

I will have illustrations which I am assembling and hope they can be inserted throughout the text instead of at the end. Please give me the width and height of the page and the width of the column so I can better plan their inclusion. I assume you can enlarge or reduce them as is advisable. Do you want captions for each illustration and if so I'll prepare them.

I would like to know how many offprints you are allowing an author and whether you care to publish individual articles at a later date for ANA. I have had bibliophiles ask me how they could get a separate copy of my article, but I won't do anything to harm the sale of the book. Anyone can photocopy parts of the anthology, I realize, after it is published. Many people have helped me and that is why they ask about it.

Please feel free to contact me for anything I can do to be of service. I have enjoyed writing this after doing research on it for perhaps 25 years.

My best to all of you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Eric P. Newman', with a stylized, flowing script.

Eric P. Newman

EPN:bv

c: Carl Carlson
Mike Hodder



DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
BUREAU OF ENGRAVING AND PRINTING
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20228

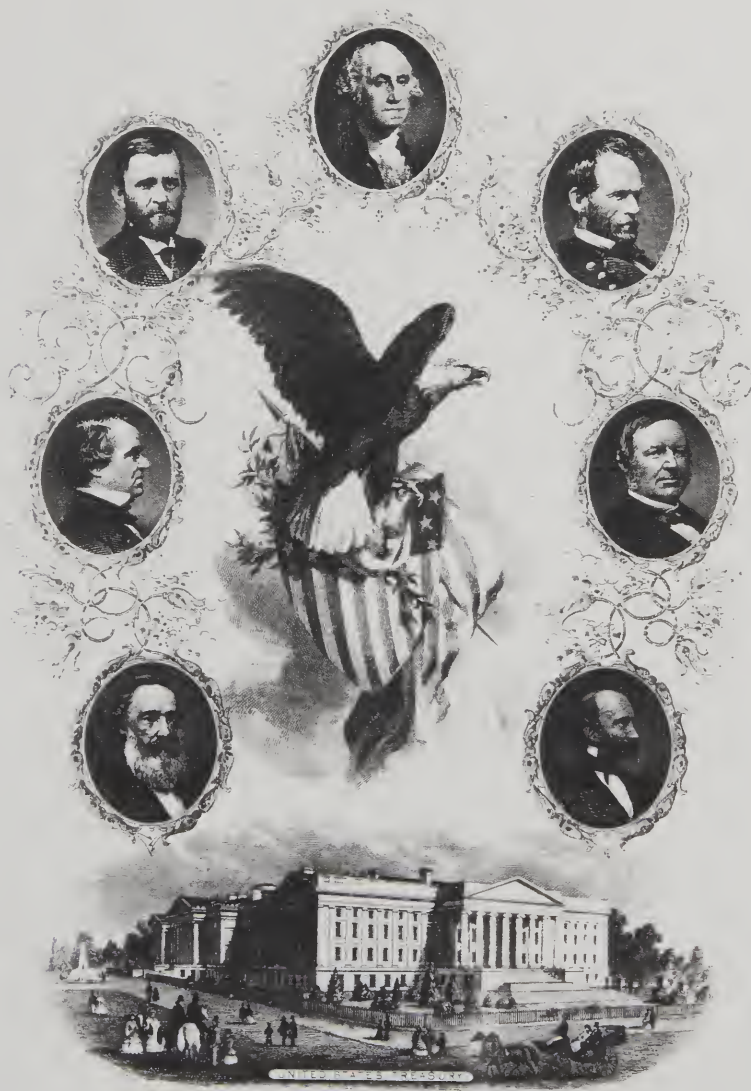
Recd 3/9/90

Dear Customer:

Enclosed, please find the information which pertains to
your recent request.

Thank you for your interest in the Bureau of Engraving
and Printing.

Office of Public Affairs



Engraved & Printed at the Treasury Department



Lorenzo Hatch
engraver at
the Bureau
from
April 24, 1874
to
Dec. 27, 1887





Engraved & Printed at the Fire Arms Department

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

March 9, 1990

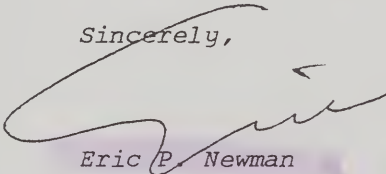
Mr. George F. Kolbe
P. O. Drawer 3100
Crestline, CA 92325

Dear George:

As I promised over the telephone yesterday, I am sending you a copy of my draft of the article on Heath. Any suggestions you would care to make would be most welcome. I am particularly at sea about whether I need to put a rarity schedule in it, as I am not too sure of those facts.

The article will have some illustrations and footnotes added later. I will of course add you to those who helped, assuming you care to do so. Please act promptly, and I sincerely welcome whatever you can do to improve this blast.

Sincerely,



Eric P. Newman

EPN:bv

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

March 13, 1990

Mr. Ira Polikoff
Bureau of Engraving and Printing
14th and C Streets 3SW
Washington, D.C. 20228

Dear Mr. Polikoff:

Thank you for your prompt answer to my letter as to the identification of the portrait on the lower right side of the engraving made in 1866 by the Bureau.

You identified the portrait as Lorenzo Hatch, who was a Bureau engraver from 1874 to 1887. My information is that Hatch was born in 1856 and he would only have been 10 years old and already had a beard and sideburns.

I understand Harriett Duckett is ill and I spoke to Mr. Leonard Buckley when you were out.

I am enclosing the portrait again and a list of other top officers of the Bureau from the 1866-67 period, and perhaps one of them could qualify. Would you be nice enough to check into it a little further. I will be grateful.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Eric P. Newman', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Eric P. Newman

EPN:bv

George McCartee	Supt. Printing Bureau
John Biglow	Acting Chief, Bureau of Printing & Engraving
H. A. Risley	Asst. Solicitor of the Treasury
William E. Chandler	Asst. Secretary of the Treasury
John F. Hartley	Asst. Secretary of the Treasury
George W. Casilear	Custodian of Engraving Department & later Supt. of Engravers
William W. Graham	Supt. of Plate Printing

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

March 13, 1990

Mr. Ira Polikoff
Bureau of Engraving and Printing
14th and C Streets 3SW
Washington, D.C. 20228

Dear Mr. Polikoff:

Thank you for your prompt answer to my letter as to the identification of the portrait on the lower right side of the engraving made in 1866 by the Bureau.

You identified the portrait as Lorenzo Hatch, who was a Bureau engraver from 1874 to 1887. My information is that Hatch was born in 1856 and he would only have been 10 years old and already had a beard and sideburns.

I understand Harriett Duckett is ill and I spoke to Mr. Leonard Buckley when you were out.

I am enclosing the portrait again and a list of other top officers of the Bureau from the 1866-67 period, and perhaps one of them could qualify. Would you be nice enough to check into it a little further. I will be grateful.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Eric P. Newman', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Eric P. Newman

EPN:bv

George McCartee	Supt. Printing Bureau
John Biglow	Acting Chief, Bureau of Printing & Engraving
H. A. Risley	Asst. Solicitor of the Treasury
William E. Chandler	Asst. Secretary of the Treasury
John F. Hartley	Asst. Secretary of the Treasury
George W. Casilear	Custodian of Engraving Department & later Supt. of Engravers
William W. Graham	Supt. of Plate Printing

General William Tecumseh Sherman
1870-1891

William Pitt Fessenden (1806-1869)

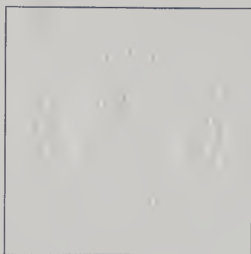
Secretary of Treas July 1864
resigned? to become Clerk of Finance Co
Senate Com on
again

Francis E. Spinner
Treasury of U.S. Mar 16 1861 to
~~resigned~~ 1875

Clock

Lincoln on fractional
other Crawford

- ✓ Gen Sherman on fract
- ✓ Gen Grant on fract
- ✓ Washy on fract



American Numismatic Association

WORLD'S LARGEST ORGANIZATION FOR COLLECTORS OF COINS, TOKENS, MEDALS & PAPER MONEY

March 15, 1990

Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63105


Dear Eric:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding your article for the ANA Centennial Anthology. After speaking with Michael Hodder about your questions, the following has been decided:

- After the article has been typed into the word processor and proofed for typos by Helen, she will send you a copy.
- At this point, you can insert the footnotes and footnote numbers and also make whatever corrections you want in the text. The footnotes should be placed at the end of the article.
- Send the revised article, with the footnote numbers and footnotes, back to ANA, in care of myself, and Helen will enter the corrections and footnotes.
- We will then send a disk to Michael Hodder, who will then do a layout of the article.
- After being laid out, the article will be proofed by Michael Hodder and Carl Carlson, who will then be in touch with you.
- Illustrations will be inserted throughout the article at the appropriate places by Michael.
- Michael asked that you provide captions for each illustration.
- There will be no offprints of any articles.

Eric, I hope this answers your questions satisfactorily. The ANA is truly honored to be able to include your article in its Anthology.

Sincerely,


James Taylor
Director of Educational Services

JT/hj

cc: Michael Hodder
Carl Carlson
Bob Leuver



American Numismatic Association

WORLD'S LARGEST ORGANIZATION FOR COLLECTORS OF COINS, TOKENS, MEDALS & PAPER MONEY

March 15, 1990

Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63105

Dear Eric:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding your article for the ANA Centennial Anthology. After speaking with Michael Hodder about your questions, the following has been decided:

- After the article has been typed into the word processor and proofed for typos by Helen, she will send you a copy.
- At this point, you can insert the footnotes and footnote numbers and also make whatever corrections you want in the text. The footnotes should be placed at the end of the article.
- Send the revised article, with the footnote numbers and footnotes, back to ANA, in care of myself, and Helen will enter the corrections and footnotes.
- We will then send a disk to Michael Hodder, who will then do a layout of the article.
- After being laid out, the article will be proofed by Michael Hodder and Carl Carlson, who will then be in touch with you.
- Illustrations will be inserted throughout the article at the appropriate places by Michael.
- Michael asked that you provide captions for each illustration.
- There will be no offprints of any articles.

Eric, I hope this answers your questions satisfactorily. The ANA is truly honored to be able to include your article in its Anthology.

Sincerely,


James Taylor
Director of Educational Services

JT/hj

cc: Michael Hodder
Carl Carlson
Bob Leuver



George Frederick Kolbe

FINE NUMISMATIC BOOKS

P.O. DRAWER 3100 • CRESTLINE, CALIFORNIA 92325 • (714) 338-6527

March 20, 1990

Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63105

Dear Eric:

The Heath opus is everything I hoped it would be and more. I could not find anything to disagree with or to add. I generally agree with you that there is a lack of sufficient data to properly formulate a rarity schedule. On the other hand, some comments on the scarcity of particular editions or varieties, based on the large number of copies you have personally seen and are otherwise aware of, would be quite welcome.

I am selling John Adams' collection of Heaths this June, as you know, also an *American Bond Detector*, etc. It's awfully tempting to incorporate some of your research, credited to you of course, in the catalogue. Would you object? It would make people more aware of the upcoming publication of your work but I can also understand that you may wish to see your work published first. Let me know what you think.

I truly appreciate your letting me read the work beforehand. You mentioned many years ago that you were working on the Heaths and I can now understand why it took the project so long to reach fruition. The research involved would have caused a lesser man to have abandoned the work or to have cut corners. A few more like you Eric and numismatics would be boring - there'd be nothing left to discover.

Best,

MEMBER:

ANTIQUARIAN BOOKSELLERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA
INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE OF ANTIQUARIAN BOOKSELLERS
AMERICAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION LIFE MEMBER

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

March 29, 1990

Mr. Michael Hodder
Bowers & Merena, Inc.
Box 1224
Wolfeboro, NH 03894

Dear Michael:

My article for the ANA Anthology was typed at ANA headquarters about 2 weeks ago and I am told that there will be a delay before it goes to their composition department before being sent to you. I have proofread it and corrected it. When you receive it and set it in your format, you might send me a printout for final review.

The illustrations are enclosed. Some need enlarging. Some need reduction. Most are okay as is. I have titled each one for you to set the type. The place the illustrations are to be put is written on the back of the mounting board on each one. I will furnish additional illustrations if you think they could be helpful.

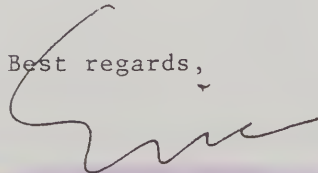
I suggest page numbering at your end for the contents list after the pages are numbered for the Anthology.

I understand that Dave's 100 year history is also still being worked on at the ANA.

Jim Taylor wrote that there will be no offprints. That is understandable so as not to interfere with the sale of the book, but I need a few offprints for myself (at least 10) and I guarantee that I'll not part with any except to exchange with other authors in the book until long after publication. You probably feel as I do. All you have to do is not to bind 10 or more copies and to divide those among the authors. I assume there will be no pages which have another article begin or end on the other side of a printed page.

If there are any questions, please get in touch. Good luck in this mammoth undertaking.

Best regards,



Eric P. Newman

EPN:bv

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

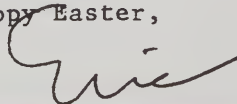
March 29, 1990

Mr. Kenneth Lowe
The Money Tree
1260 Smith Court
Rocky River, OH 44116

Dear Ken:

I genuinely appreciate your prompt review of my ms on Heath. I have already made changes accordingly and forwarded them to the ANA. Some of your spelling corrections were automatically made by the computer but your best contribution was the clarification of certain sentences which were too full of facts to flow freely. Thank you for your kind remarks about the article. I am glad it produced a smile. I am smiling because I have finished it.

Happy Easter,



Eric P. Newman

EPN:bv

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

March 29, 1990

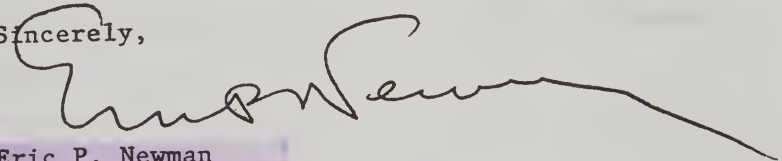
Ms. Helen Jekel
American Numismatic Association
818 North Cascade
Colorado Springs, CO 80903

Dear Helen:

I was privileged to have an English teacher in Ohio review my manuscript, and he has certainly found some misspellings of mine and misuse of words. I am delighted to make these changes and enclose the pages dated 3-30-90 with the changes in red. I am only sending the pages which require the changes. I have also added a few tidbits of my own.

I hope you had a great vacation in Florida.

Sincerely,



Eric P. Newman

EPN:bv

AUCTIONS BY BOWERS AND MERENA, INC.

April 4, 1990



Box 1224
WOLFEBORO, NH 03894
(603) 569-5095
Fax (603) 569-5319

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63105

Dear Eric:

Thank you for the illustrations for your ANA Anthology article, which were on my desk when I returned back to Wolfeboro on Monday. Once the June auction catalogue has been completed, I will turn my mind to the Anthology once again, and may be back in touch with you regarding the illustrations.

I am not sure I understand what you meant in your letter of March 29 when you said "I suggest page numbering at your end for the contents list after the pages are numbered for the Anthology." Would you elucidate?

As for offprints, I have no authority to make this decision. Of course, I would like to have offprints of my own articles. However, this is a decision that Dave will have to take, since it will involve matters not within my purview.

Yours turly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "M. Hodder".

Michael Hodder

MH/cl



818 North Cascade Avenue
Colorado Springs, CO 80903-3279
719/632-2646
FAX 719 634-4085

April 5, 1990

Eric Newman
P.O. Box 14020
St. Louis, MO 63178

Dear Eric,

I am highly pleased that you will be speaking at the Seattle Numismatic Theatre. I have heard from someone--the name escapes me--that you were doing research on coin scales. I think it will be a great presentation and will be well received and attended. As you know, we plan to video and audio tape all the presentations, especially yours.

The 1990 Educational Forum features Dave Bowers who will discuss the ANA History book that he has authored. (The book may be coming out around that time.) The 1991 Educational Forum is tentative and, therefore, I cannot reveal its content for awhile.

Helen Jekel is working devotedly on your manuscript for the ANA Anthology. She is a remarkable secretary, and, more importantly, a remarkable person. The manuscript is in the very best hands.

Take care and good health to you.

Sincerely,

James
James Taylor
Director of Educational Services

JT/hj

cc: Bob Leuver/John Burns

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

April 9, 1990

Mr. Q. David Bowers
Bowers & Merena, Inc.
P. O. Box 1224
Wolfeboro, NH 03894

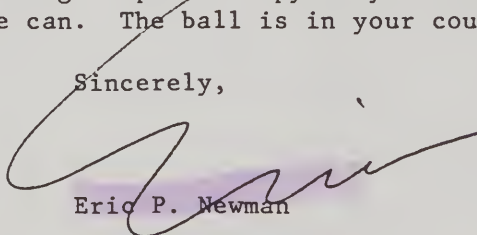
Dear Dave:

My inquiries about offprints for authors who wrote articles for the ANA Anthology have led me to you, as it is indicated that it is a matter for your decision.

I realize that nothing should interfere with the sale of the 2 volume set. I do not have an opinion as to whether an author of an article in the Anthology or an editor should receive a free set or even a free volume in which his work is included. What I do believe is that an author is entitled to receive a few printed copies of his article.

I presume that each article would begin on a right hand page for dignity. Then all you need to do for off prints is not to bind ten (plus or minus) sets of pages and you have the offprints. If you want to hold off distribution of such offprints until the 1991 ANA Centennial, the ANA could make a centennial ceremony out of it and prepare one copy of each with a centennial thank you or acknowledgement from the ANA. You also deserve a special copy of your centennial history bound in some unusual manner. These presentations would give a great boost to numismatic research and writing. If you are too modest to participate in creating a special copy of your book, I will try to arrange it or someone else can. The ball is in your court now.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Eric P. Newman', is written over a light purple rectangular stamp. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Eric P. Newman

EPN:bv

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

April 10, 1990

Mr. Michael Hodder
Bowers & Merena, Inc.
P. O. Box 1224
Wolfeboro, NH 03894

Dear Michael:

RE: Anthology Article

I will try to elucidate on my suggestion as to my anthology article as you requested.

The first page of the text of my article is entitled CONTENTS and it lists only the sub-headings in my article. I did this so that people could locate or refer to a portion of the article without thumbing through all of it. It requires page numbers. No one will know what the page numbers will be until the book is put together. Will you be nice enough to put in appropriate numbers when the pagination is determined.

I hope that clears it up.

Thanks,



Eric P. Newman

EPN:bv

* CONTENTS

BOWERS AND MERENA GALLERIES, INC.



April 13, 1990

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Eric P. Newman Numismatic Education Society
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri 63105

BOX 1224
WOLFEBORO, NH 03894
(603) 569-5095
Fax line: (603) 569-5319

Dear Eric:

Thank you for your letter of April 9th with regard to offprints and complimentary copies of "The ANA Anthology." I shall send copies of this letter to those at ANA Headquarters who will determine the policy for this: Bob Leuver and James Taylor. I imagine that other authors have the same concerns. I shall also give copies to Carl Carlson, who is masterminding the project, and Mike Hodder who is supervising the graphics production of the book here at our office (neither Carl nor Mike would be involved in the decision, for this is up to the ANA). As soon as I hear from ANA Headquarters I shall let you know, and I shall also let the other authors know what the policy is.

With regard to special presentation copies, this has not been determined either. I think it would be a nice idea to have something really special for those who were very close to the project, such as contributing authors, ANA officials, etc., but this would have to be done in a manner so that someone from the outside - say an important financial contributor to the ANA - wouldn't feel left out. In other words, the list for distribution of special copies should be rigidly defined, so that no one will feel offended. If it is done by classes, rather than by "deserving individuals," this would eliminate the problem.

Eric, I will be in touch as soon as I hear from ANA Headquarters.

Best wishes,

Q. David Bowers

QDB/mkv

Copies to:
Carl W. Carlson
Robert Leuver
James Taylor
Michael Hodder

Your friends in the rare coin business

[Bob Wester] 3-5-90

Eric

I know Laban
Heath will come to
life now thanks
to you

I wish I could have
found a picture and
more background on
him.

Remember the collection
of Concord, N.H. paper
money I had in Boston.

The collection just went
on exhibition in
Concord's 3rd most
treasured building

It's occupied by
lawyers today and
they were so pleased
to have it. Their clients
are the New Hampshire
Banking Commission.

Mr. Eric Newman

April 26th
1990

Dear Eric:

You're scholarship
on Laban Heath like all your other
projects comes through A+++ plus.
Congratulations!

I found one small
item you may want to change,
on page 6 Waterman L. Ormsby instead
of William.

I have never seen 14-P-1
1883, 15-P-2 and 13-BH-1.

Great article and you have
just created the standard on
Laban Heath.

I'll be reading it another
two times. There are so many facts I
never knew.

Best Regards,
Bob Wester

4-26-90

Eric: I'm heading for the Merrimack
County Sheriff's office

Page 17 speaks of N.C. Ordway
whom I'm familiar with.

Maybe there is some Heath material
tucked in their file on Ordway,
where he was sheriff there.

I'll settle for a picture of Heath
if possible

Bob Wester



818 North Cascade Avenue
Colorado Springs, CO 80903-3279
719/632-2646
FAX 719/634-4085

April 25, 1990

Q. David Bowers
Bowers & Merena
Box 1224
Wolfeboro, NH 03894

Dear Dave,

I have before me your letter of April 13 regarding Eric Newman's request for offprints. It would be ideal if the printing process for the Anthology allowed offprints to be easily printed; however, that does not seem to be the case. At this point, ANA has not budgeted for the additional costs to produce offprints, nor do I see monies being released for this purpose.

I agree that each author should receive one complimentary copy of the Anthology. ANA will, of course, pay for this expense at our agreed upon price of 55% off the cover price.

At this point, a list of recipients for gift copies of the Centennial History and Anthology has been drawn up and is constantly being evaluated and refined. When we approach the publication of the books, we will be ordering enough books to cover this need.

Current plans call for the complimentary copies to have the same binding as all other books.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James".

James Taylor
Director of Educational Services

JT/hj

cc: Bob Leuver, Michael Hodder, Carl Carlson, Lee Lilljedahl

MAY 21, 1988
ERIC - SORRY!
STUCK OUT.
BEST,
JNF

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

April 30, 1990

Mr. George F. Kolbe
P. O. Drawer 3100
Crestline, CA 92325

Dear George:

Thank you for sending the preliminary catalogue of the Adams sale. It is very exciting.

I note that you have several vignette books issued by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, particularly Lot #392.

I am endeavoring to identify the Bureau's portrait in the large Heath Detector of the gentleman on the lower right of the enclosed frontise piece. I have asked the Bureau, to no avail. I have asked others, to no avail. You are my hope. Would you be nice enough to look in your vignette books and see if this gentleman can be identified. I will be very grateful and hope it can be done promptly.



Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

EPN:bv

KEN -
CAN YOU HELP?
BEST,
JNF

Hi George,

Sorry, struck out.
None of my vignette books
show this portrait. Looks
quite a bit like Garfield, but
beard is slightly different.
See you in Long Beach!

P. S.

JUNE/CATALOGUE WILL
GO IN MAIL FIRST

62

BOWERS AND MERENA GALLERIES, INC.



May 1, 1990

BOX 1224
WOLFEBORO, NH 03894
(603) 569-5095
Fax line: (603) 569-5319

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63105

Dear Eric:

I am enclosing herewith a letter dated April 25th from James Taylor, which is self-explanatory.

I very much appreciate your kind offer to have one or more copies specially bound, so as the publication date nears, we can all keep in touch and see what we want to do.

James Taylor's letter indicates that each author will receive a complimentary copy of the Anthology. I would have no objections if the authors wanted to buy additional copies at the same price the ANA will be paying, but this too is something that can be brought up at a later date.

Eric, thank you again.

Sincerely,

Q. David Bowers

QDB/mkv

Copy to:
James Taylor

Your friends in the rare coin business

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

May 1, 1990

Ms. Helen Jekel
American Numismatic Association
818 North Cascade
Colorado Springs, CO 80903

Dear Helen:

Please arrange to have the following additional changes made to my Heath article in addition to the 4 or 5 previously relayed corrections. I will be very grateful, as this is new information.

Heading: Predecessors of Heath - Paragraph 4, Line 7 (your original p. 6)
Substitute **Waterman**
in place of **William**

Adding a Bond Detector - Paragraph 2, Line 6 (your original p. 45)
Substitute **two-color**
in place of **both green and black**

Sabotage of the Bond Detector - Paragraph 4, Line 6 (your original p. 48)
Substitute **colored portion**
in place of **green color**

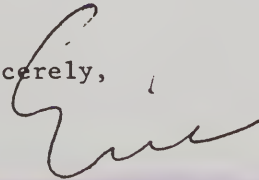
Same heading, Paragraph 4, Line 7 (your original p. 49)

Add a new sentence after the sentence ending with the word **black**:

Thus impressions of Plate 18 (the \$500 Registered Five-Twenty U.S. Bond of 1865) in The American Bond Detector are found in red and black in some volumes, while they are found in green and black in others.

Thank you.

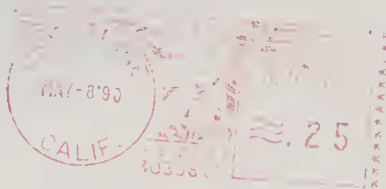
Sincerely,



Eric P. Newman

EPN:bv

GEORGE FREDERICK KOLBE
FINE NUMISMATIC BOOKS
P.O. Drawer 3203
Crestline, California 92325
Tel: (714) 338-6527



Mr. E. P. NEWMAN
6450 CECIL AVE.
ST. LOUIS, MO 63105



AT SHERATON LITTLE THINGS MEAN A LOT



ERIC - THANK YOU
FOR YOUR COMMENT ABOUT
UPCOMING SALE.

SORRY - NO LUCK
IDENTIFYING YOUR MYSTERY MAN.

I'VE SENT A COPY OF YOUR
LETTER ON TO ILEN BARR.
HOPEFULLY, HE CAN HELP.

BEST,

A handwritten signature in dark ink.

For reservations at any Sheraton Hotel, Inn or Resort, call toll free anytime

800-325-3535



818 North Cascade Avenue
Colorado Springs, CO 80903-3279
719/632-2646
FAX 719/634-4085

Eric FYI

August 7, 1990

Michael J. Hodder
Bowers & Merena
Box 1224
Wolfeboro, NH 03894

Dear Michael:

Please print 10 unbound copies of the ANA Centennial Anthology for the ANA to provide offprints to each contributing author. The ANA will pay for this additional expense.

Simply mail the offprints to ANA, in care of me, and I will have them distributed.

Sincerely,

James

James Taylor
Director of Educational Services

JT/hj

cc: cf/file
Dave Bowers
Eric Newman ✓



DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
BUREAU OF ENGRAVING AND PRINTING
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20228

October 9, 1990

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Eric P. Newman Numismatic Education Society
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63105

Dear Mr. Newman:

Please forgive the delay in our response to your inquiry. As you may know, the Public Affairs' researcher/historian died in the spring and many requests were back-logged.

Your request had everyone stumped. The information concerning this particular portrait seems to have been lost, at least, for now. However, you will be pleased to know that I managed to find a reproduction of the portrait in the United States Paper Money Original Series, 1861-1923 Inclusive (see enclosure.) I hope this provides enough information for you.

You may be interested to know, if you are not already aware, that this grouping of portraits was the frontispiece plate for Heath's Infallible Counterfeit Detector. I ran across a reprint of it in the Essay Proof Journal No. 154, Spring 1982, Vol. 39, No. 2, page 62.

If I can be of any further assistance to you, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Cecilia Hatfield
Historian/Preservation Specialist
Office of Public Affairs

enc

AUCTIONS BY BOWERS AND MERENA, INC.



October 29, 1990

BOX 1224
WOLFEBORO, NH 03894
(603) 569-5095
Fax line: (603) 569-5319

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63105

Dear Eric:

Thank you for your enclosures, which arrived today.

I have given the new copy for your article on Heath's Counterfeit Detectors to our Graphics Department, and it will be set in type accordingly. Please let me have the new one-page illustration as soon as possible, as we are close to formatting your article for final publication. I shall send you photocopies of your article, as it will appear in the final book, once we have formatted it. Please feel free to look it over, make any suggestions that you wish, and we will do our best to accommodate them.

Thank you for the notes on my article on the 1787 Immunis Columbia. Several of the suggestions that you made were made by others, and have already been incorporated. I have revised the metrology of the large planchet specimens to take into account your piece. Yours is, clearly, struck over another coin, and it is almost certainly a 26-S. I am waiting to hear from Walter Breen, and once I have incorporated any suggestions that he cares to make, I will, if you would like, send you a copy of the final version of the paper.

Yours truly,

Michael J. Hodder
Director of Research
Auctions by Bowers and Merena, Inc.

MJH/kdw

Your friends in the rare coin business

AUCTIONS BY BOWERS AND MERENA, INC.



November 26, 1990

BOX 1224
WOLFEBORO, NH 03894
(603) 569-5095
Fax line: (603) 569-5319

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri 63105

Dear Eric:

I have returned herewith the original photograph that you sent, along with the negative strip. I had a new print made, lighter in density, as you requested. Linda Heilig is presently formatting your article for inclusion, and should be finished by tomorrow.

At this point, we have a few minor cosmetic changes to make to Elvira Clain-Stefanelli's second article on the Gobrecht coinage, and some others on Fischer's article on the Medal of Honor. Once these have been made, which should be by the end of the week after this, the Anthology will be finished. The final stage is indexing, which Nancy Green is doing. I hope to be able to send copy to the printer by the end of next month, or the first few weeks of January, at the latest. Necessarily, the Anthology must be printed with Dave's History, which is not quite as far along as the Anthology.

I understand from James Taylor that off-prints will be made available to you, as a special favor. No other author will be receiving off-prints of his article, so I would be grateful if you would not mention that you will be receiving off-prints, or else I will be deluged with requests from the other 20, or so, authors in the volume.

Yours truly,

Michael J. Hodder
Director of Research
Auctions by Bowers and Merena, Inc.

MJH/kdw

Enclosure: as stated

Your friends in the rare coin business

8/29/90

Mr ROBERT SNOW (about 55 yrs old)

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC ~~RELATIONS~~ AFFAIRS

U. S. SECRET SERVICE 202-535-5708

~~was~~ 1800 G STREET N.W.

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20023

Helena
Krafer

JOE KOHLER

non published number

~~41414~~

write him about historical matters

He has a historian working in his office.



U.S. Department of Energy
Office of Safeguards and Security
Washington, DC 20545

Donald R. McFaul

5:30 AM - 5:30 PM

(301) 353-5098
FTS 233-5098

Call
202-535-5756

SAIC Charge.
Sent
Revised

1 of Secret
Service

Public

Marion Williams

Calif counterfeit

FRN 20's

1969-1978

≡

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

November 30, 1990

Mr. Donald R. McFaul
U.S. Department of Energy
Office of Safeguards and Security
Washington, D.C. 20545

Dear Mr. McFaul:

It isn't often that one writes to thank for a pleasant conversation on an airplane from Seattle to St. Louis in August 1990, but I enjoyed talking to you so much that I felt I should give you a report. A historical matter relating to the counterfeiting of Treasury notes was one of the items I asked you about. You gave me the name of Helen Keifer, etc. as historian. She died shortly after I wrote the Treasury and believe it or not, the matter was passed around and eventually I received an excellent answer. (My first answer was slightly wrong in that a man with a heavy beard was born 10 years before the picture was published.) The article I wrote will be published in the spring of next year, describing the history of Heath counterfeit detectors.

I hope you are busy solving our energy problems and if you are ever in St. Louis, please feel free to call me up so we may have lunch together.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Eric P. Newman", written in a cursive style.

Eric P. Newman

EPN:bv

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

Mr. Michael Hodder
Bowers & Merena
Box 1224
Wolfeboro, NH 03894

December 2, 1990

ANS Anthology - Heath Article

Dear Michael,

Thank you for sending me the page proofs for my Heath article on November 28, 1990. The transfer from the corrected tape at the ANA to your machine was very excellent, but a few typos and some make-up errors slipped in.

I am sending pages 3, 5, 11, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21, 26, 27, 28, 29, & 30 with minor corrections noted on them.

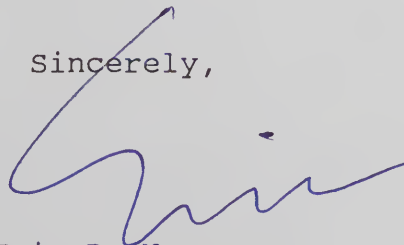
Whatever ornaments you feel are effective in the table next to the moved subtitles of TYPE (not Variety) will be fine with me. I just want emphasis on the TYPE separations, such as XXX TYPE 2B XXX, so that Varieties which follow each TYPE are easily distinguished.

I would like copies of the modified pages along with the illustration pages so I can check them.

When the page numbering is arranged please be sure to have the Finding Key portion filled in.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and if you need anything further from me just let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Eric P. Newman', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke at the end.

Eric P. Newman

EPN:ts



AUCTIONS BY BOWERS AND MERENA, INC.

When great collections are sold, Bowers and Merena sells them.

December 5, 1990

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63105

Dear Eric:

Thank you for your letter of December 3, regarding your Heath article scheduled for publication in the ANA Anthology. I shall have the corrections that you pointed out made, as you requested. I am sure that we can find some graceful way of off-setting each of your "Types", so that they look nice.

The illustrations that you saw were "for position only", and did not exactly indicate the size of the illustrations. Please be assured that these notes will be illustrated lifesize, as you originally intended.

I shall not be able to send you photocopies indicating corrections made in time for you to make any further additions or corrections to the article. The book is scheduled for dispatch to the printer on January 15. I must assume, therefore, that the corrections that you have sent to me enclosed in your letter of December 2 are all of those that you found and wish made. You may rest assured that we will make these, as you requested, and that the final appearance of your article will be all that you would hope it to be.

Yours truly,

Michael J. Hodder
Director, Research Department
Auctions by Bowers and Merena, Inc.

MJH/dtm

AUCTIONS BY BOWERS AND MERENA, INC.



VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

December 17, 1990

BOX 1224
WOLFEBORO, NH 03894
(603) 569-5095
Fax line: (603) 569-5319

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63105

Dear Eric:

Enclosed please find corrected copy for your ANA Anthology article. Would you please review these at your earliest convenience, and return them to me as quickly as possible.

Regarding the illustrations of Heath's second bank note style advertising sheet, I would strongly suggest that we set these two notes horizontally across the page, rather than vertically. Personally, I hate to have to turn a book sideways to look at an illustration when I'm reading it, and if we do not set the plates horizontally, you will be forcing your readers to do just that. We can illustrate the smaller note full size, and the larger note slightly reduced. I shall have suitable tag lines stripped in below the illustrations, reading, for example, "Illustrated Lifesize" and "Illustration Reduced xx%". What do you think of this suggestion?

Once I receive your comments on the corrections, and the plate orientations, the book will be nearly finished and ready for the printer. I am waiting only on Nancy Green to complete the indexing, which should be done within the next two weeks, or so. Please note that if you find any further corrections necessary, I would request that they not break the pagination of the article.

Yours truly,

Michael J. Hodder
Director, Research Department
Auctions by Bowers and Merena, Inc.

MJH/dtm

Enclosure

Your friends in the rare coin business

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

December 19, 1990

Mr. Michael Hodder
Bowers & Merena, Inc.
Box 1224
Wolfeboro, NH 03894

RE: Anthology
Heath Article

Dear Mike:

Thank you so much for your consideration in submitting the final page proofs of my article to me for checking.

I respect your thoughts on the illustrations and you may handle them as you suggest.

All the changes I previously suggested were properly made.

Congratulations on getting the book put to bed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Eric P. Newman', is written over the typed name. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Eric P. Newman

EPN:bv

AUCTIONS BY BOWERS AND MERENA, INC.



BOX 1224
WOLFEBORO, NH 03894
(603) 569-5095
Fax line: (603) 569-5319

December 26, 1990

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri 63105

Dear Eric:

Thank you for your letter of December 19. I am pleased to hear that you are satisfied with the appearance of your article, and that we may position the illustrations as we see fit. We are all looking forward to the publication of the ANA Anthology, which should be, God willing, sometime in early March of next year. The volume will run to nearly 400 pages, and should have some interesting reading in it.

Regarding the Brasher Lima doubloon, thank you very much for the notes and comments that you sent me, which I found on my desk this morning. As I told you in our last telephone conversation, I have not yet had a chance really to study the coin, so I do not have any opinion at this point as to its authenticity or lack thereof. I will, when I come to study it, take into account all of your comments and criticisms about it, and will let you know what I think when I have formed a conclusion, if one can be reached.

Best wishes for a happy and healthy New Year.

Yours truly,

Michael J. Hodder
Director of Research
Auctions by Bowers and Merena, Inc.

MJH/kdw

Your friends in the rare coin business

BOWERS AND MERENA GALLERIES, INC.



February 14, 1991

BOX 1224
WOLFEBORO, NH 03894
(603) 569-5095
Fax line: (603) 569-5319

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63105

Dear Eric:

Thank you very much for sending the xerox copies. These will fit in nicely with the fund of information I have been consulting in connection with the new commemorative book. I have a researcher working in the National Archives in Washington and also at the Commission of Fine Arts digging out material, and I acquired much from other sources. When completed the commemorative book will be much more comprehensive than anything else ever created. Of course, there is always the risk that there will be too much information - but as a lover of trivia, I always think that other people will share the same interest. Anyway, I shall include you in the credits and shall furnish you with a complimentary copy upon publication, probably early this summer.

You will be interested in knowing that the American Numismatic Association books have been completed. Both will go to the printers next week. "The Centennial History of the American Numismatic Association," written by me, will be over 1,700 pages and will be in two matching hardbound volumes. The page size will be 8 1/2 x 11 inches - the same size used for the Anthology. "The ANA Centennial Anthology" will be over 375 pages and will, as you know, contain contributions from many important people in numismatics. A press run of 1,500 of each is planned. Members of the 1891 Club will automatically receive copies of "The ANA Centennial History," accounting for somewhere around 600 to 700 copies, leaving the balance available for sale. All of the "Anthology" copies will be for sale. I understand that Headquarters will be making a special discount offer to the 1891 Club in this regard. Others will be available on the open market. Headquarters does not want any special bindings, etc., so this idea has not been pursued. In fact, Headquarters is on such a tight budget that there will not be the normal review copies sent to numismatic writers, although I will try to persuade them to free up at least enough copies to send to the editors of "Numismatic News" and "Coin World." Members of the ANA Board of Governors will not even receive free copies! (However I understand that most of them are members of the 1891 Club, so perhaps this cancels out.) I am not at all saying that what Headquarters is doing is not favorable, for it is their business. The only reason for my mentioning it is that you had corresponded with me earlier on the subject of specially-bound editions, and I wanted to bring you up to date. As I understand it, a free copy of the "Anthology" will be made available to every contributor to the "Anthology."

Your friends in the rare coin business

Eric, thank you for your fine friendship and help with so many different projects. I look forward to seeing you in St. Louis at the Central States Convention in early May. All good wishes to you and Evelyn.

Sincerely,



Q. David Bowers

QDB/kdw



818 North Cascade Avenue
Colorado Springs, CO 80903-3279
719/632-2646
FAX: 719/634-4085

May 7, 1991

Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63105

Dear Eric:

Enclosed are 11 offprints of your article from the ANA Centennial Anthology. I have not yet received the bound copies; but once they arrive, I will immediately forward your complimentary copy to you.

Included with the offprints is the table of contents. As a contributor to the anthology, you are certainly among good company. Michael Hodder, co-editor for the anthology, has described the work as "one of the most important books on American numismatics ever."

On behalf of the ANA and its 31,000 members, and for everyone in the hobby, now or in the future, let me again thank you for your contribution to ANA's centennial celebration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James".

James Taylor
Chairman, Centennial Committee

JT/hj

cc: cf/file

enclosure



818 North Cascade Avenue
Colorado Springs, CO 80903-3279
719/632-2646
FAX 719/634-4085

September 16, 1991

Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Ave
St Louis, MO 63105

Dear Eric:

The ANA Centennial celebration peaked at the Convention in Chicago.

However, the ANA Centennial History and the ANA Anthology are two tremendously important contributions to numismatics and the Centennial.

Your article in the ANA Anthology is very much appreciated. As Michael Hodder has stated, this volume represents the thinking and writing of some of the most talented numismatists of today.

Thank you for your contribution.

Sincerely yours,

Robert J. Leuver
Executive Director

RJL:lmd

cc: President Edward C. Rochette, Editor Michael J. Hodder,
Editor Carl W.A. Carlson, J. Taylor, cf/rf/file

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

February 12, 1992

Mr. Kenneth Lowe
1260 Smith Court
Rocky River, OH 44116

Dear Ken:

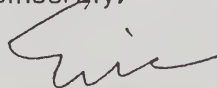
Thank you for the nice comments in your auction list about my research. I consider it more of your humor.

You tease me in Lot 507 with what you indicate is a possible new variety of Heath bar. If you will read what you wrote about the book, you will find that you have created a surplusage of words rendering your observations somewhat obfuscating. Would you be nice enough to try describing it again for me.

Incidentally, what you described as an "unnumbered plate" of Nat. Bank Note Co. is Plate 2, as you noted earlier in the description. When you repeat yourself, you should repeat it the same way you first said it (like in "read my lips").

I'll subscribe to the coffin rotator fund. I look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Eric", with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Eric P. Newman

EPN:bv

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

February 12, 1992

Mr. George F. Kolbe
P.O. Drawer 3100
Crestline, CA 92325

Dear George:

Thank you for your letter of February 4, 1992, explaining how my bids were successful. The Bordley will be cited and thoroughly discussed in a new ANS book (written by Phil Mossman) which has to be reset in part to insert some of the material. That's how unknown and how rare the Bordley is.

You asked me whether my Heath article in the Anthology of the ANA could be serialized in *The Asylum*. I personally would be very flattered if it were reprinted. I presume the ANA Anthology sales have come to a halt, but I feel that the ANA should be asked if they have any objection. We would certainly want to show that the original publication was in the Anthology. I hope they agree. I may make a correction or so if given the privilege.

Whether it should be serialized or not is a problem, because those who keep their *Asylum* magazines would not want to cut up parts. My suggestion therefore is to print the Heath separately so that it could be combined into one unit or perhaps send it out as a freebie to your subscribers by retaining a bunch of pages after it comes out serially. Perhaps you could charge a couple of bucks for the total assembly, or give it free to those who obtained a new member.

Think these matters over and see what conclusion you come to.

My kindest regards, and thanks for getting me a real gem.

Sincerely,


Eric P. Newman


EPN:bv

3-4-92

DEAR ERIC, I HAVE

FORWARDED THE RELEVANT PORTION OF YOUR LETTER
TO THE "ASYLUM" EDITOR, CITARUE DAVIS. HE OR
I WILL CONTACT YOU.

I PARTICULARLY ENJOYED YOUR
"SPINELESS" DITTY.

BEST,


ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

February 12, 1992

Mr. George F. Kolbe
P.O. Drawer 3100
Crestline, CA 92325

Dear George:

Thank you for your letter of February 4, 1992, explaining how my bids were successful. The Bordley will be cited and thoroughly discussed in a new ANS book (written by Phil Mossman) which has to be reset in part to insert some of the material. That's how unknown and how rare the Bordley is.

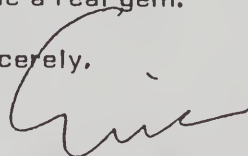
You asked me whether my Heath article in the Anthology of the ANA could be serialized in *The Asylum*. I personally would be very flattered if it were reprinted. I presume the ANA Anthology sales have come to a halt, but I feel that the ANA should be asked if they have any objection. We would certainly want to show that the original publication was in the Anthology. I hope they agree. I may make a correction or so if given the privilege.

Whether it should be serialized or not is a problem, because those who keep their *Asylum* magazines would not want to cut up parts. My suggestion therefore is to print the Heath separately so that it could be combined into one unit or perhaps send it out as a freebie to your subscribers by retaining a bunch of pages after it comes out serially. Perhaps you could charge a couple of bucks for the total assembly, or give it free to those who obtained a new member.

Think these matters over and see what conclusion you come to.

My kindest regards, and thanks for getting me a real gem.

Sincerely,



ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN:bv

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

Nancy Arndt
Editorial Assistant
Interweave Press
201 East Fourth St.
Loveland, CO 80537

May 7, 1993

Dear Ms. Arndt:


Your May 5, 1993 fax finds you in luck. I was able to locate and enclose six positive prints of the items which you requested from my article on Nature Printing published in 1964. I also enclose a reprint of the article so you will have the full text for your editorial purposes. Please return all of them.

All of the original paper money items are from my collection. As we agreed over the telephone we are to receive the customary fee for commercial use of the photographs and be reimbursed for the shipping expense. We are also to receive a copy of the publication when it is issued.

If you need further assistance please telephone me at my office (314) 331-6540 or at my residence (314) 727-0850.

We are glad to be of help.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Eric P. Newman', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Eric P. Newman

*F*unction *A*ssociates

6822 22nd Ave. N. - Suite 218
St. Petersburg, FL 33710
(813) 343-8055

June 17, 1993

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63105

Dear Eric,

It was very nice talking with you on the telephone the other day. I appreciate your taking the time to help with my attempts to trace the history of Laban Heath's "*American Bond Detector*".

As promised, I have made copies of the two title pages and also a copy of the copyright side. Both volumes have the same entry on the verso page, however, I only copied the one that goes with the coinage volume as I was concerned that the volume on bonds was a little brittle and I was a bit afraid that the page would separate. It does read exactly as indicated on the copy.

Many thanks for looking into this for me and I am looking forward to hearing about your quest for the origin of the "Dollar Sign" (\$).

See you in Baltimore.

Cordially,



Fred L. Lake

THE
HISTORY
OF
ANCIENT AND MODERN COINAGE.

CONTAINING

NINE PLATES PRINTED IN THE ORIGINAL COLORS OF THE METAL;

ILLUSTRATING THE OBVERSE AND REVERSE OF A LARGE PORTION OF THE DIFFERENT DENOMINATIONS OF

Gold, Silver, Copper and Nickel Coins used in the United States and Territories,

COMMENCING WITH THE

OLD COLONIAL PINE TREE SHILLING OF 1652,

AND INCLUDING A LARGE PORTION OF THE

GOLD AND SILVER COINS OF SPAIN, PORTUGAL, AUSTRIA, THE NETHERLANDS, BELGIUM,
RUSSIA, GREECE, DENMARK, SWEDEN, NORWAY, HELVETIA, MEXICO,
SOUTH AMERICA, GREAT BRITAIN, FRANCE, ETC.

PUBLISHED BY LABAN HEATH & CO.

30 HANOVER STREET, BOSTON, MASS.

1871.

Entered according to act of Congress, in the year 1869, by
NEHEMIAH GEORGE ORDWAY,
in the Clerk's Office of the District Court of the United States for the District of New Hampshire.

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

Fred L. Lake
Function Associates
6822 22nd Ave North
Suite 218
St. Petersburg, FL 33710

June 30, 1993

Dear Fred:

Your American Bond Detector with 1871 on the title page indicates the entire title page is reset. The text is the same at the top and middle but omits

" also,

Valuable Plates of Existing Coins and Important Statistical Tables."

Heath then adds for receiving orders

"Laban Heath and Company

30 Hanover Street, Boston, Mass."

1871

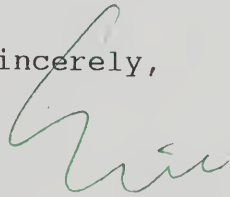
They were attempting to sell leftover bond imprints and did not have enough other material to complete the book. It is the same date as the title of Heath's Ancient and Modern Coinage publication which is also made up of remainder pages.

I have never before seen the 1871 Bond detector dating and would appreciate an inventory of the book's contents.

Thank you for letting me know of this item.

See you in Baltimore.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in green ink, appearing to read 'Eric', with a stylized flourish above it.

Eric P. Newman

*F*unction *A*ssociates

6822 22nd Ave. N. - Suite 218

St. Petersburg, FL 33710

(813) 343-8055

July 6, 1993

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63105

Dear Eric,

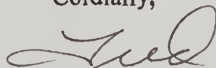
Your letter of June 30, 1993 was most helpful in my research into the origins of Laban Heath's "*American Bond Detector*" with the 1871 designation on the title page.

Per your request for an inventory of the book's contents, I will list the pages as they appear: First, there are two blank free-fly endpapers. Then comes the title page, of which you have a copy. On the verso of that page is the Ordway entry in the District Court of New Hampshire in 1869. The next page is a "Table Of Contents" (blank on the verso). Then follows a "List Of Illustrations" with all twenty-two plates being listed (again a blank verso). An "Introduction" of two pages follows. Pages 5 through 20 are entitled "Government Securities". Pages 21 and 22 are entitled "Process of Engraving and Printing Bonds, Bank Notes, &c.". Pages 23 through 26 are entitled "Art of Detecting Counterfeits, with Rules for General Guidance". Pages 27 through 36 are entitled "A Description of the Bonds illustrated in this Work". An un-numbered page 37 is headed "Regulation for the Conversion and Transfer of Bonds at the United States Treasury Department".

The twenty-two bond impressions follow. There are five in green and black, 15 in all black, one in red and black and one in all red.

I will have both volumes with me in Baltimore and will be most appreciative if you will examine them.

Cordially,



Fred L. Lake

*F*unction *A*ssociates

6822 22nd Ave. N. - Suite 218

St. Petersburg, FL 33710

(813) 343-8055

July 6, 1993

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63105

Dear Eric,

Your letter of June 30, 1993 was most helpful in my research into the origins of Laban Heath's *"American Bond Detector"* with the 1871 designation on the title page.

Per your request for an inventory of the book's contents, I will list the pages as they appear: First, there are two blank free-fly endpapers. Then comes the title page, of which you have a copy. On the verso of that page is the Ordway entry in the District Court of New Hampshire in 1869. The next page is a "Table Of Contents" (blank on the verso). Then follows a "List Of Illustrations" with all twenty-two plates being listed (again a blank verso). An "Introduction" of two pages follows. Pages 5 through 20 are entitled "Government Securities". Pages 21 and 22 are entitled "Process of Engraving and Printing Bonds, Bank Notes, &c.". Pages 23 through 26 are entitled "Art of Detecting Counterfeits, with Rules for General Guidance". Pages 27 through 36 are entitled "A Description of the Bonds illustrated in this Work". An un-numbered page 37 is headed "Regulation for the Conversion and Transfer of Bonds at the United States Treasury Department".

The twenty-two bond impressions follow. There are five in green and black, 15 in all black, one in red and black and one in all red.

I will have both volumes with me in Baltimore and will be most appreciative if you will examine them.

Cordially,



Fred L. Lake



MAIL BOXES ETC.®

MARKET PLACE SHOPPING CENTER
6822 - 22nd Avenue North
St. Petersburg, FL 33710
Phone: (813) 381-2011
Fax: (813) 381-6822

FACSIMILE TRANSMITTAL COVER SHEET

Date: 9/20/93 Time: 11:25 A.M.

Number of Pages (including this page): 2

To: ERIC P. NEWMAN

Fax Number: (314) 331-6554

From: FRED L. LAKE

Brief Message: THANKS FOR YOUR COMMENTS

MY FAX # : (813) 381-6822

* IF YOU HAVE ANY PROBLEMS WITH THIS TRANSMISSION OR DO NOT *
* RECEIVE ALL THE PAGES, CALL (813) 381-2011. THANK YOU. *

"THE AMERICAN BOND DETECTOR"
&
"THE HISTORY OF ANCIENT AND MODERN COINAGE"
 Laban Heath - 1871 - In two volumes

- F1. HEATH, Laban-1871-"The American Bond Detector" and "The History Of Ancient And Modern Modern Coinage"-Two volumes. The "Bond Detector" contains 37 pages of text and 22 plates of Treasury bonds. It is bound in deep-maroon cloth with an ornate gilt design on the cover. The size is oblong quarto. The "History Of Ancient And Modern Coinage" contains 48 pages of text and the 9 plates of coins. This separate volume is bound in identical deep-maroon cloth with an ornate gilt design on the cover. Thus, this is a matched set. The dates on the title pages are also identical, with 1871 being shown as the year of printing. The copyright by N. George Ordway lists the 1869 date on both volumes. Condition is Near Mint on both and the plates are in excellent condition. The title page of the "Bond Detector" has become loose without damage. 4,500.00
 (A minimum bid of \$3,500.00 is required on this lot)

The cataloger wishes to thank Mr. Eric P. Newman, whose presentation of "Heath's Counterfeit Detectors" appears in the "American Numismatic Association Anthology", for his generous aid and interest in researching this 1871 publication by Laban Heath. Mr. Newman has also consented to allow the rather liberal paraphrasing of his work. A study of this paper is highly recommended.

THE HISTORY

After successfully promoting the sale of about 100,000 copies of his "Counterfeit Detector" in various editions since 1864, Laban Heath decided in 1869 to publish a book containing plates of genuine and counterfeit Treasury bonds and a section containing plates of coins in the metallic process developed in Germany and used by J. Haehnlen of Philadelphia. Heath used the political clout of Nehemiah George Ordway, a minor politician in New Hampshire until he was appointed as Sergeant-At-Arms in the U. S. House Of Representatives, to help persuade the Secretary of the Treasury to authorize the printing of some 5000 impressions of each of the 22 subjects. The work on this order began in early 1869.

In March of 1869, Congress passed a law stating that "no work shall be done in the engraving and printing bureau for private parties". Coupled with this was an attempt by the private bank-note companies to discredit Spencer M. Clark, Chief of the National Currency Bureau. His ouster was not well-received by the employees of the Bureau. The unhappiness was about to manifest itself. Heath, through Ordway, had paid \$10,000.00 for the first shipment of plates and in due course 13 cartons arrived in Boston. When they were opened, it was clear that someone had sabotaged the order. It is apparent that the employees of the Bureau had vented their anger at the way Clark had been treated and also toward the politicians who passed out favors to people like Heath. The sabotage explains why so few copies of the 1869 "American Bond Detector" exist today. Heath was unable to salvage but a small number of total sets of bond impressions and the government would not print replacements for him.

THE 1871 "AMERICAN BOND DETECTOR"

The two-volume set that is being offered in this sale is a bit of an anomaly. Since Heath did not have many complete sets of plates of bonds, why did he print a new title page in 1871? We might surmise that Heath expected the government to resume printing these bond impressions and that he believed that he would be able to continue assembling these books. The government, however, refused all of Heath's requests for new bond plates or even compensation for his loss. We believe that this set being offered here is the "only one known" and quite possibly unique. We have explored all of the major collections to find a duplicate to no avail.

*this underlining
is wrong.***"THE AMERICAN BOND DETECTOR"**

&

"THE HISTORY OF ANCIENT AND MODERN COINAGE"

Laban Heath - 1871 - In two volumes

F1. HEATH, Laban-1871-"The American Bond Detector" and "The History Of Ancient And Modern Modern Coinage"-Two volumes. The "Bond Detector" contains 37 pages of text and 22 plates of Treasury bonds. It is bound in deep-maroon cloth with an ornate gilt design on the cover. The size is oblong quarto. The "History Of Ancient And Modern Coinage" contains 48 pages of text and ~~the~~ 9 plates of coins. This separate volume is bound in identical deep-maroon cloth with an ornate gilt design on the cover. Thus, this is a matched set. The dates on the title pages are also identical, with 1871 being shown as the year of printing. The copy-right by N. George Ordway lists the 1869 date on both volumes. Condition is Near Mint on both and the plates are in excellent condition. The title page of the "Bond Detector" has become loose without damage. 4,500.00

(A minimum bid of \$3,500.00 is required on this lot)

The cataloger wishes to thank Mr. Eric P. Newman, whose presentation of "Heath's Counterfeit Detectors" appears in the "American Numismatic Association Anthology", for his generous aid and interest in researching this 1871 publication by Laban Heath. Mr. Newman has also consented to allow the rather liberal paraphrasing of his work. A study of this paper is highly recommended.

THE HISTORY

After successfully promoting the sale of about 100,000 copies of his "Counterfeit Detector" in various editions since 1864, Laban Heath decided in 1869 to publish a book containing plates of genuine and counterfeit Treasury bonds and a section containing ^{embossed} plates of coins ^{printed by a} in the metallic process developed in Germany and used by J. Haehnlen of Philadelphia. Heath used the political clout of Nehemiah George Ordway, a minor politician in New Hampshire until he was appointed as Sergeant-At-Arms in the U. S. House Of Representatives, to help persuade the Secretary of the Treasury to authorize the printing of some 5000 impressions of each of the 22 ^{bond} subjects. The work on this order began in early 1869.

In March of 1869, Congress passed a law stating that "no work shall be done in the engraving and printing bureau for private parties". Coupled with this was an attempt by the private bank-note companies to discredit Spencer M. Clark, Chief of the National Currency Bureau. His ouster was not well-received by the employees of the Bureau. The unhappiness was about to manifest itself. Heath, through Ordway, had paid \$10,000.00 for the first shipment of plates and in due course 13 cartons arrived in Boston. When they were opened, it was clear that someone had sabotaged the order. It is apparent that the employees of the Bureau had vented their anger at the way Clark had been treated and also toward the politicians who passed out favors to people like Heath. The sabotage explains why so few copies of the 1869 "American Bond Detector" exist today. Heath was unable to salvage but a small number of total sets of bond impressions and the government would not print replacements for him.

THE 1871 "AMERICAN BOND DETECTOR"

The two-volume set that is being offered in this sale is a bit of an anomaly. Since Heath did not have many complete sets of plates of bonds, why did he print a new title page in 1871? We might surmise that Heath expected the government to resume printing these bond impressions and that he believed that he would be able to continue assembling these books. The government, however, refused all of Heath's requests for new bond plates or even compensation for his loss. We believe that this set being offered here is the "only one known" and quite possibly unique. We have explored all of the major collections to find a duplicate to no avail.

Do you wish to mention that the text pages are remanded and incomplete as issued

Do you want to mention that the 9 plates of coins are not in the Bond Detector.

Sent to Fred Haber 4/24/93.

*F*unction *A*ssociates

6822 22nd Ave. N. - Suite 218
St. Petersburg, FL 33710
(813) 343-8055

September 24, 1993

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63105

Dear Eric,

Thank you very much for editing the page on the Heath "Bond Detector" and "History of Coinage". I have incorporated your suggestions into the final draft and you will find a copy enclosed.

I will certainly make an effort to obtain a copy of John S. Dye's book, "The Government Blue Book", but I have never seen nor heard of it up 'til now.

Again, many thanks for your assistance and generosity.

Cordially,



Fred L. Lake

"THE AMERICAN BOND DETECTOR"
&
"THE HISTORY OF ANCIENT AND MODERN COINAGE"
 Laban Heath - 1871 - In two volumes

F1. HEATH, Laban-1871-"The American Bond Detector" and "The History Of Ancient And Modern Modern Coinage"-Two volumes. The "Bond Detector" contains 37 pages of text and 22 plates of Treasury bonds. It is bound in deep-maroon cloth with an ornate gilt design on the cover. The size is oblong quarto. The "History Of Ancient And Modern Coinage" contains 48 pages of text and 9 plates of coins. This separate volume is bound in identical deep-maroon cloth with an ornate gilt design on the cover. Thus, this is a matched set. The dates on the title pages are also identical, with 1871 being shown as the year of printing. The copy-right by N. George Ordway lists the 1869 date on both volumes. Condition is Near Mint on both and the plates are in excellent condition. The title page of the "Bond Detector" has become loose without damage. 4,500.00
 (A minimum bid of \$3,500.00 is required on this lot)

The cataloger wishes to thank Mr. Eric P. Newman, whose presentation of "Heath's Counterfeit Detectors" appears in the "American Numismatic Association Anthology" (1991), for his generous aid and interest in researching this 1871 publication by Laban Heath. Mr. Newman has also consented to allow the rather liberal paraphrasing of his work. A study of this paper is highly recommended.

THE HISTORY

After successfully promoting the sale of about 100,000 copies of his "Counterfeit Detector" in various editions since 1864, Laban Heath decided in 1869 to publish a book containing plates of genuine and counterfeit Treasury bonds and a section containing embossed plates of coins that were printed by a metallic process developed in Germany and used by J. Haehnlen of Philadelphia. Heath used the political clout of Nehemiah George Ordway, a minor politician in New Hampshire until he was appointed as Sergeant-At-Arms in the U. S. House Of Representatives, to help persuade the Secretary of the Treasury to authorize the printing of some 5000 impressions of each of the 22 bond subjects. The work on this order began in early 1869.

In March of 1869, Congress passed a law stating that "no work shall be done in the engraving and printing bureau for private parties". Coupled with this was an attempt by the private bank-note companies to discredit Spencer M. Clark, Chief of the National Currency Bureau. His ouster was not well-received by the employees of the Bureau. The unhappiness was about to manifest itself. Heath, through Ordway, had paid \$10,000.00 for the first shipment of plates and in due course 13 cartons arrived in Boston. When they were opened, it was clear that someone had sabotaged the order. It is apparent that the employees of the Bureau had vented their anger at the way Clark had been treated and also toward the politicians who passed out favors to people like Heath. The sabotage explains why so few copies of the 1869 "American Bond Detector" exist today. Heath was unable to salvage but a small number of total sets of bond impressions and the government would not print replacements for him.

THE 1871 "AMERICAN BOND DETECTOR"

The two-volume set that is being offered in this sale is a bit of an anomaly. Since Heath did not have many complete sets of plates of bonds, why did he print a new title page in 1871? We might surmise that Heath expected the government to resume printing these bond impressions and that he believed that he would be able to continue assembling these books. The government, however, refused all of Heath's requests for new bond plates or even compensation for his loss. We believe that this set being offered here is the "only one known" and quite possibly unique. We have explored all of the major collections to find a duplicate to no avail.

"THE AMERICAN BOND DETECTOR"
&
"THE HISTORY OF ANCIENT AND MODERN COINAGE"
Laban Heath - 1871 - In two volumes

F1. **HEATH**, Laban-1871-"The American Bond Detector" and "The History Of Ancient And Modern Modern Coinage"-Two volumes. The "Bond Detector" contains 37 pages of text and 22 plates of Treasury bonds. It is bound in deep-maroon cloth with an ornate gilt design on the cover. The size is oblong quarto. The "History Of Ancient And Modern Coinage" contains 48 pages of text and 9 plates of coins. This separate volume is bound in identical deep-maroon cloth with an ornate gilt design on the cover. Thus, this is a matched set. The dates on the title pages are also identical, with 1871 being shown as the year of printing. The copy-right by N. George Ordway lists the 1869 date on both volumes. Condition is Near Mint on both and the plates are in excellent condition. The title page of the "Bond Detector" has become loose without damage. 4,500.00
 (A minimum bid of \$3,500.00 is required on this lot)

The cataloger wishes to thank Mr. Eric P. Newman, whose presentation of "Heath's Counterfeit Detectors" appears in the "American Numismatic Association Anthology" (1991), for his generous aid and interest in researching this 1871 publication by Laban Heath. Mr. Newman has also consented to allow the rather liberal paraphrasing of his work. A study of this paper is highly recommended.

THE HISTORY

After successfully promoting the sale of about 100,000 copies of his "Counterfeit Detector" in various editions since 1864, Laban Heath decided in 1869 to publish a book containing plates of genuine and counterfeit Treasury bonds and a section containing embossed plates of coins that were printed by a metallic process developed in Germany and used by J. Haehnlen of Philadelphia. Heath used the political clout of Nehemiah George Ordway, a minor politician in New Hampshire until he was appointed as Sergeant-At-Arms in the U. S. House Of Representatives, to help persuade the Secretary of the Treasury to authorize the printing of some 5000 impressions of each of the 22 bond subjects. The work on this order began in early 1869.

In March of 1869, Congress passed a law stating that "no work shall be done in the engraving and printing bureau for private parties". Coupled with this was an attempt by the private bank-note companies to discredit Spencer M. Clark, Chief of the National Currency Bureau. His ouster was not well-received by the employees of the Bureau. The unhappiness was about to manifest itself. Heath, through Ordway, had paid \$10,000.00 for the first shipment of plates and in due course 13 cartons arrived in Boston. When they were opened, it was clear that someone had sabotaged the order. It is apparent that the employees of the Bureau had vented their anger at the way Clark had been treated and also toward the politicians who passed out favors to people like Heath. The sabotage explains why so few copies of the 1869 "American Bond Detector" exist today. Heath was unable to salvage but a small number of total sets of bond impressions and the government would not print replacements for him.

THE 1871 "AMERICAN BOND DETECTOR"

The two-volume set that is being offered in this sale is a bit of an anomaly. Since Heath did not have many complete sets of plates of bonds, why did he print a new title page in 1871? We might surmise that Heath expected the government to resume printing these bond impressions and that he believed that he would be able to continue assembling these books. The government, however, refused all of Heath's requests for new bond plates or even compensation for his loss. We believe that this set being offered here is the "only one known" and quite possibly unique. We have explored all of the major collections to find a duplicate to no avail.

THE
HISTORY
OF
ANCIENT AND MODERN COINAGE.

CONTAINING

NINE PLATES PRINTED IN THE ORIGINAL COLORS OF THE METAL;

ILLUSTRATING THE OBVERSE AND REVERSE OF A LARGE PORTION OF THE DIFFERENT DENOMINATIONS OF

Gold, Silver, Copper and Nickel Coins used in the United States and Territories,

COMMENCING WITH THE

OLD COLONIAL PINE TREE SHILLING OF 1652,

AND INCLUDING A LARGE PORTION OF THE

GOLD AND SILVER COINS OF SPAIN, PORTUGAL, AUSTRIA, THE NETHERLANDS, BELGIUM,
RUSSIA, GREECE, DENMARK, SWEDEN, NORWAY, HELVETIA, MEXICO,
SOUTH AMERICA, GREAT BRITAIN, FRANCE, ETC.

PUBLISHED BY LABAN[^] HEATH & CO.

30 HANOVER STREET, BOSTON, MASS.

1871.

T H E
A M E R I C A N B O N D D E T E C T O R ;

A N D

Complete History of the United States Government Securities;

ISSUED UNDER THE SANCTION OF THE UNITED STATES TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

AND CONTAINING

SUPERB ILLUSTRATIONS, IN GENUINE TINTS,

PRINTED AT THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, FROM THE ORIGINAL DIES IN THE POSSESSION OF THE GOVERNMENT,

Of all the Bonds issued under the Acts of Congress, from July 17, 1861, to March 3, 1868,

TOGETHER WITH

A FULL DESCRIPTION OF ALL GENUINE PLATES,

AND COMPLETE RULES FOR THE DETECTION OF COUNTERFEITS.



W A S H I N G T O N , D . C . :

PUBLISHED BY THE AMERICAN BOND AND CURRENCY DETECTOR COMPANY.

ALL ORDERS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO

L A B A N H E A T H A N D C O M P A N Y ,

30 HANOVER STREET, BOSTON, MASS.

1 8 7 1 .

Insert
A

The ^{Heath} pamphlet you referred to is advertised from about 1873 to 1887. I think it is his description of various U. S. issues outstanding in 1869. I enclose a photocopy of key pages. It is rare. It probably did not sell well because there was nothing worthwhile in it. It is red + black print.

3/25/8

Gerrit E. Braver
712 Kingsley St
Normal, IL 61761

Dear Mr. Braver

Thank you for being so cooperative and so prompt. I do appreciate your information as well as your inquiries. The enclosures you sent ~~were most helpful~~ did add to my data.

As to Casilear (either of them) I have ~~only~~ ^{modest} knowledge. I have you checked the Essay Proof Journal? If you have not I will. ~~I have~~ ^{you have} checked the Scrapbook Index ~~and~~ the Numismatist indices? ~~If not I will.~~ ~~Also the~~ ~~the~~ I will check the Amer Numis Soc card catalog and enclosed anything I find.

I will contact Rozycki and send him forms to fill.

My telephone at home is 314-727-0850. At the office it is 314-331-6540.

Insert
A

~~I have never seen the descriptive pamphlet to promote the sale of Heaths. What editions did you find it? Please advise so I don't have to search.~~

Beazell did write a pamphlet and people tore out the plate. I have a pamphlet with ~~the~~ ^{the} plate removed. ^{Two} others I know, have the plate and no pamphlet. I need the plate to paste into mine. ^{would you like to} ~~any chance of exchange~~ your 17th thous with

the plate for a late pocket edition, assuming I can ~~remove~~ ^{remove} the plate ^{without damage to either}. I do not know of M. W. Johnson, but Heath had to have a Boston assistant as he was in Washington often.

The Bond Detector is popular and scarce. ~~If you want one, let me know and I'll inquire.~~ ~~It is for a customer~~

The folded counterfeit in pocket editions of Heath are only in the ~~middle group~~ ^{third} editions. ^{they} are not plentiful but should not ~~be~~ ^{be} considered rare.

The fractional currency patent model is a tin box with separate ~~compartments~~ ^{paper} for postage currency and ^{for} postage stamps.

The thick paper Heath advertisement ~~is from the 1866-1867~~ ¹⁸⁶⁶⁻¹⁸⁶⁷ ~~new~~ ^{new} ~~engraving~~ ^{engraving} ~~of what was in the pocket editions but mostly copied.~~ ^{of what was in the pocket editions but mostly copied.} The Hoag patent was used by Fairbanks and I have one of their scales with a combination bar for gold and silver.

II The thick paper Heath advertisement is only in
the 1866 copyrighted and 1867 copyrighted banking
house ^{second} editions. A new engraving ^(different from the past in of the pocket type) was made with new
text in the lower portion and it had a plate ~~number~~ ^{number} put
on. ~~Whether~~ This was for the ~~pocket~~ ^{banking} editions and
I believe ~~the~~ ^{the plate number} was an error to put a plate ~~on it~~
This ~~the~~ error was corrected ^{by} ~~by~~ ^{affixing} ~~a hole~~ ^{by punching} ~~the~~
card but ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~plate number~~ ^{plate number} was
polished off the plate for ^{the} later printing of the
~~these~~ second editions of the banking house size.

II The Hoag patent was used by Fairbanks and I
have a scale of that type with only one balancing
bar not two as shown in the patent.

I am sure you realize how complex this
Heath matter is. It's fun.

I hope ~~I~~ ^I ~~have~~ ^{have} been helpful.
Sincerely yours